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Gamestop seeks secondhand dealer license

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Gamestop, located at 246 Main St., was granted conditional approval of its secondhand dealer license for the resale of used games, systems, and consoles. Store Manager Anthony Lodato appeared at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, Jan. 8 for a public hearing regarding this license application.

Certain documents needed for a complete vote were unavailable at the time of meeting, due to what Town Manager Jeffrey Hull characterized as "...some disconnect, for lack of a better term, between the corporate office and the local office."

According to correspondence read by Hull, the Police and Fire Chiefs both recommended approval for the license. There were no outstanding zoning issues associated with the business, and the treasurer collector recommended approval and noted that there were no outstanding tax issues.

Selectman Gregory Bendel asked how much consumers could expect to save by shopping for secondhand games and systems at the store.

Lodato explained that when it comes to pricing of used products, "...everything is based off of supply and demand. Something that's relatively new may be harder to get."

Following this vote, Gamestop's license will be approved, contingent upon receipt of the green cards needed by the first Board of Selectmen meeting in February of this year.



Helping Puerto Rico

By PAIGE IMPINK
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WILMINGTON — "I have a friend in Puerto Rico who is a lawyer, her husband is a doctor. They got their electricity back on Tuesday," shared a donor on Saturday at the Wilmington Kiwanis Club collection for the US territory.

Three months after Hurricane Maria, people are still without food, electricity, and the kind of assistance that their mainland

fellow Americans have access to. Nearly two-thirds of the island residents still do not have power according to reports, and the island is having all types of infrastructure issues which are inhibiting the flow of aid to residents.

Enter the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington, who is partnering with the Seventh Day Adventist Church to get much needed food and basic supplies to people. A chance encounter with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency led Stu Neilson, presi-

dent of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club, to action.

"I came across a donation event in Lynn and inquired," said Neilson. "Once I learned about the need I was able to bring it back to the club and organize a drive quickly."

The group's first donation drive was in November when over three tons of supplies were collected. The donations were sent to the Seventh Day Adventist collection site in Connecticut which

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Wilmington educators look at MCAS results

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — After previous delays stemming from jam-packed meeting agendas, the Wilmington School Committee finally had the opportunity to examine MCAS result data from spring of 2017.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Sean Gallagher presented aggregate data on stu-

dents in the district in grades 3-10. This includes results from both "Legacy" MCAS categories, in which testing styles have remained relatively consistent over the past several years (this includes science, technology, and engineering for grades 5 and 8, as well as high school categories), and "Next Generation MCAS," which was a revamped program in 2017 (this includes English Language Arts and Math for grades 3 through 8).

Data from the "Next Generation" categories is considered a baseline for future years, as it they are considered different enough from previous years to preclude comparison.

Gallagher explained how the scoring system for the Next

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Five residents have pulled papers for town election

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As of this week, there are currently five Wilmington residents who have pulled papers for the annual town election coming up in April. These are Mary Jane Byrnes, Jonathan Eaton, Robert G. Peterson Jr., James Gillis, and Robert C. DiPasquale.

Mary Jane Byrnes has papers out for re-election to the Wilmington School Committee.

Byrnes said in an email, "I'm very much looking forward to the upcoming election with hope that I will be able to continue to advocate on behalf of our schools and especially our

children."

She included that it has been her humble pleasure to serve so far in her position and she aims to continue to do so. The Wilmington School Committee has two seats opening up for this year's election.

Jonathan Eaton is running new for the one open seat on the Board of Selectmen, having previously served the community as a member of the Finance Committee, as part of the library strategic planning board, and as President of the town Rotary Club.

"I enjoy the service I've done and I'm looking to expand," Eaton said. "I'll be out there and listening to what the people of town

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Residents create forum to discuss issues of equity, diversity and inclusion

By CHRISTINA HAINES
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — A growing group of Wilmington residents have been connecting online and at monthly in-person meetings to foster greater community engagement, on social issues both local and global relating to diversity since May 2017. The group is titled Wilmington for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and members have been using a Facebook group open to all residents to invite community members to participate in dialogue and action on timely social

issues.

The organizers of the group, Alisha Labello, Dayna Lederman, Dipa Gandhi and Jennifer Bryson, had each been interested in being part of a broader dialogue in Wilmington on issues of diversity for some time. In spring 2017, after some residents began receiving flyers anonymously promoting a white nationalist website with content reflecting racial hatred, the group decided the time had come to organize as a group of concerned citizens.

"We said, 'Hey, we need to react to this. This is not ok,'"

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Co-written by WHS grad 'Shawcross Letters' details relationship of author and serial killer

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — John Fay, a graduate of Wilmington High School, has recently written a book, entitled *The Shawcross Letters*. The book chronicles the relationship between famed serial killer, Arthur Shawcross, and Fay himself, partially told through letters between the two, and it was co-written by Brian Whitney.

Convicted in 1990, Shawcross was a serial killer from Rochester, New York, officially taking the lives of 14 people. He began a business relationship with Fay, a murderabilia dealer. Fay shopped Shawcross's drawings, while simultaneously working with him on his biography. Eventually, a comfortable friendship was formed, in which Shawcross would sometimes reveal dark secrets to Fay.

When asked to aid in writing the book, Whitney was skeptical at first.

"I had no idea what I was getting into," he stated in an author's note.

Despite any questions he may have had prior to joining the project, Whitney realized the book would offer insight into a topic

few had knowledge about: insight into the actual thoughts of a serial killer.

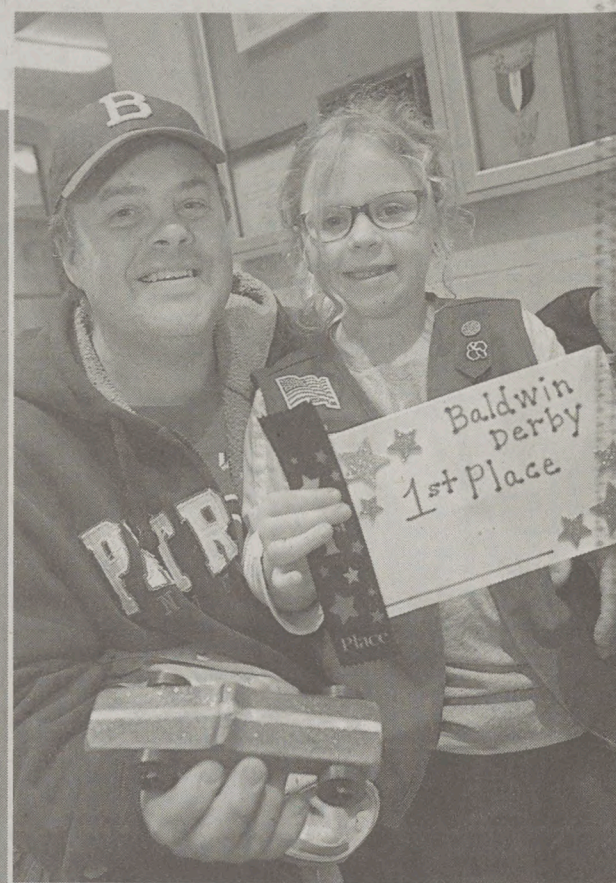
In other true-crime novels, the present ominous tone can almost seem staged, as if the author is trying too hard to craft authentic fear and suspense. Therefore, a sense of realism is eliminated from the piece. Whitney believed this novel had the potential to be different, and he decided to take a chance on it.

"When someone tries too hard to be dark and scary, one can sense it," he stated. "I soon found out this book was different than any true crime book I had ever read."

The letters between Fay and Shawcross are major contributing factors to maintaining the dark tone. Rather than glorifying the relationship between the two men, the novel instead offers a glimpse into the men's thoughts, allowing the reader to observe how the seemingly common man can actually have a dark side.

The book *The Shawcross Letters: My Journey into the Mind of Evil* is currently available for pre-order, and it will be released by WildBlue Press of Feb. 13, 2018.

▼ Master of Ceremonies Nick Mollo sends the Powder Puff Derby cars on their way down a 40-foot race track.



▲ First Place winner of the afternoon Powder Puff Derby races 8th grader Grace Lamonica with her very proud dad David.

Girl Scouts Powder Puff Derby



▲ The Girl Scouts gathered at the Wilmington Methodist Church Saturday for the "Powder Puff Derby." Each Scout made their own Derby Racer (with some help from dad). Several races were run from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. with a break for lunch! There was plenty of pizza, baked goods and drinks for sale to benefit the Girl Scouts Baldwin Service Unit. More than 30 girls competed in the morning and another large group in the afternoon.

(Photos: BruceHilliard.com)

'A Guide for New Businesses'

WILMINGTON — Together with The Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Wilmington is proud to offer "A Guide for New Businesses."

The guide provides useful

information and links on how to set up a new business in Wilmington. Included in it are helpful tips on how to get started, procedures to follow, and which departments to contact along the way. It also addresses site location factors to consider such as zoning, signage, proximity to wetlands and wastewater.

The Town of Wilmington and The Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce encourage commercial growth and welcome new business to Town. To view the brochure, visit <https://www.wilmington-ma.gov/planning-conservation/pages/new-business-guide>.

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Small business owners that offer goods and services through an online platform may be part of the sharing economy. Some participate part time while others operate full time. Activities such as ride sharing, freelancing, renting a spare bedroom and crowd funding are usually taxable. The IRS has a Sharing Economy Tax Center to help these taxpayers find the information and help they need to meet their tax obligations. Following are some sharing economy tips for small businesses to consider.

Taxes: Sharing economy activity is generally taxable. Payments received in the form of money, goods, property or services may require filing a tax return to report that income to the IRS.

Tips: People often conduct sharing-economy activities electronically but tips in cash are still a common occurrence. Tips are generally subject to withholding. Small businesses or self-employed persons should report tips they receive as income on Schedule C or C-EZ. See Publication 334, Tax Guide for Small Business, for more details.

Large Cash Amounts: Any person in a trade or business who receives more than \$10,000 in cash in a single transaction or in related transactions must file Form 8300, Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business, within 15 days after receiving payment.

Deductions: Expenses to carry on a trade or business are usually deductible. Examples include claiming the 53.5 cents per mile rate for 2017 when using a car for a ride-sharing business. Or deducting the commission/fee charged by a freelancer marketplace service.

Estimated Payments: Small businesses in the sharing economy often need to make quarterly estimated tax payments to cover their tax obligation. Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals, will help to figure these payments. IRS Direct Pay is the fastest and easiest way to make these payments. The Treasury Department's (EFTPS) system is also an option.

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Two attempt to flee, caught by police

WILMINGTON — At 3 a.m. Thursday morning, Wilmington Police Officers responded to the area of 200 Ballardvale St. for a report of a motor vehicle crash where a vehicle had rear ended a tractor trailer unit.

As officers were responding, the female driver and male passenger fled the scene on foot. After a search of the area with the assistance of the Andover Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police

K-9 Unit, both individuals were located and taken into custody on Andover Street near the Andover line.

Ashley Jones, 27, of Lawrence was charged with Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Crash. Her passenger, Jesse Meharg, 28, of North Andover was charged with Possession of a Class C Substance.

Fitzpatrick named to Dean's List at Providence College

WILMINGTON — Kate Fitzpatrick, a resident of Wilmington, and a member of the class of 2021, has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2017 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

Providence College is the only college or university

in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of just over 4,000 students and offers degrees in 50 academic majors.

Providence College has consistently been ranked among the top five regional universities in the North according to U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

WCTV news and notes

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

We are in the middle of the winter sports season at Wilmington High School and you can now watch basketball and hockey games on our Education Channel (Comcast 99/Verizon 39) and online. Our sports team includes staff and volunteers, and they've covered a handful of games so far. We're looking to get some wrestling on soon.

Anyone who follows sports knows how important the play-by-play calls are. And this winter, we've been fortunate to have a few new commentators sign up to call the games. Larry Gordon has done a pair of girls basketball games. This past weekend Jay Barrett and Rob

Irwin paired up for their first hockey game together, although both of them brought on-air aliases to the rink. Also of note, Jim Boyle isn't new to play-by-play, but this WCTV veteran has been back doing basketball games this year.

Play-by-play can be challenging, but also rewarding. And if you know the rules of the game, your insight really enhances the product. Interested in being a part of our sports team? We don't just need commentators, but camera operators are welcome as well. Contact Adam Dusenberry at adusenberry@wctv.org. And if winter sports isn't your thing, spring is right around the corner with baseball, softball and lacrosse!

We have a couple of station

events coming up that are open to the public:

• Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.: Learn about our field cameras and what goes into a field production, including sports. Contact Operations Manager Adam Dusenberry to RSVP and to learn more: adusenberry@wctv.org.

• Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.: Our first Media Meet-Up of the year is on interviewing. We'll be talking about interviewing on television and in the podcast studio. Contact Lisa Kapala at lkapala@wctv.org

New Programs: These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You can also watch them at

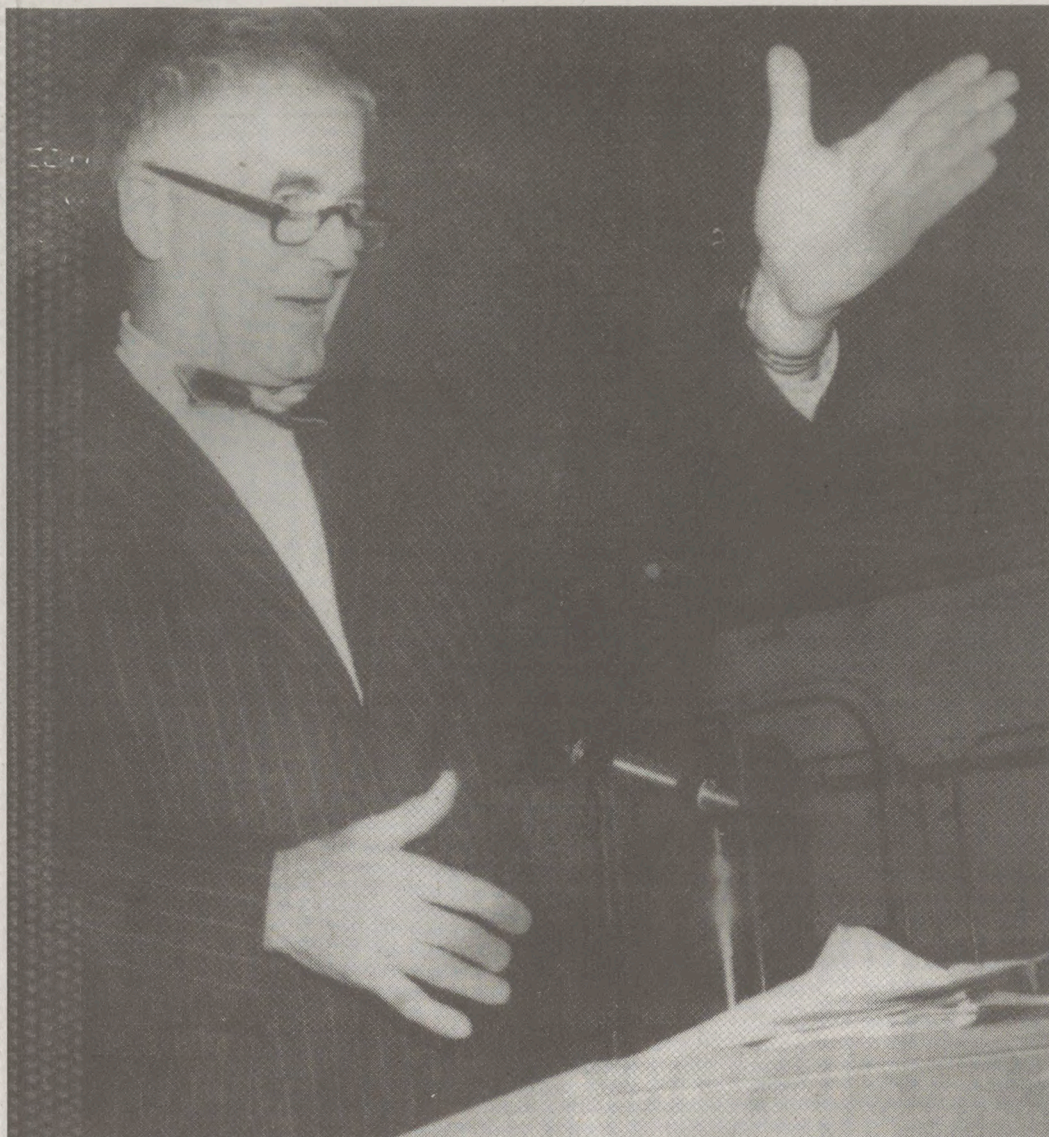
WCTV.org.

• WHS Boys Hockey vs. Stoneham (WCTV Education): Check out our first televised hockey game of the year and hear the commentary duo that has everyone abuzz!

• WHS Girls Basketball vs. Wakefield (WCTV Education): See the Cats in action at home earlier this month.

Check out WCTV.org for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

Produce a show, help in studio or cover a community event that you care about! We're here to make the process as simple as possible.



▲ Prof. Archibald Cox, speaking at the Woburn Street School in Wilmington in October 1977. (Town Crier file photo)

History:

Cox, the unlikely hero of the Saturday Night Massacre

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Prof. Archibald Cox never imagined that he would become a key player in a constitutional crisis. During the Watergate affair in 1973, his five months as Special Prosecutor became the hallmark of his career.

With continuing speculation on whether President Trump will attempt to fire Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller, there is frequent mention of the "Saturday Night Massacre."

In 1973, at a key point in the Watergate investigation, Cox stood his ground against President Richard Nixon. He obtained a court order for the secret tape recordings of conversations in the Oval Office. Nixon refused, but Cox stood firm. And so on Saturday, Oct. 20, 1973, Nixon moved to fire Cox. The move did not go smoothly. Attorney General Elliot Richardson and deputy AG William French Smith both resigned, rather than carry out the

order. The firing was ultimately carried out by Solicitor General Robert Bork.

The "Saturday Night Massacre" is one of the great moments in modern American history. There are countless books on the matter.

Of Cox, Nixon wrote in his memoirs, "If Richardson searched specifically for the man I least trusted, he could hardly have done better."

The firing unleashed a furor which led to Nixon's resignation on Aug. 8, 1974.

Four years after the "Massacre," on Oct. 18, 1977, Cox spoke in Wilmington as a guest of the League of Women Voters. He had left Watergate behind. At the time, he was chair of the Select Committee on Judicial Needs. His topic was the crisis he saw in the Massachusetts court system. Calling for court restructuring, he said, "I think the legislature should realize it will not go away and that Cox will not go away."

The courts, he said, were crippled by delay and waste. He cited a national study listing the 12 counties in the U.S. in which it took the longest to bring a case to trial. Six of the counties were in Massachusetts. Prof. Cox (1912-2004) spent most of his career at Harvard Law School specializing in labor law. He was a special advisor to President Kennedy, and served as Solicitor General from 1961 to 1965.

Richardson had also spoken in Wilmington, many years earlier. His political career had begun in Massachusetts, where he had been U.S. attorney, lieutenant governor and state attorney general. He held three positions in Nixon's cabinet, Secretary of Health Education and Welfare, Secretary of Defense and Attorney General. Under President Gerald Ford, he was Secretary of Commerce, making him only the fourth person in history to serve in four cabinet positions.

Celebrate the work of famed artist Mico Kaufman

TEWKSBURY — Each month the Tewksbury Community of Artists has a themed art show on display with artwork by artists from Tewksbury and surrounding towns. These shows are on display for the enjoyment of the public, a place to showcase the art and talent of area artists and to encourage people of all ages to pursue and develop their talents for their own enjoyment and well being, and to bring joy and beauty to others.

The theme for the show for the month of January is "A TRIBUTE TO MICO KAUFMAN" to honor this man who was a friend, an encourager, a great artist. For this show the area artists were asked to create a piece of art based on Mico's sculptures or on Mico himself.

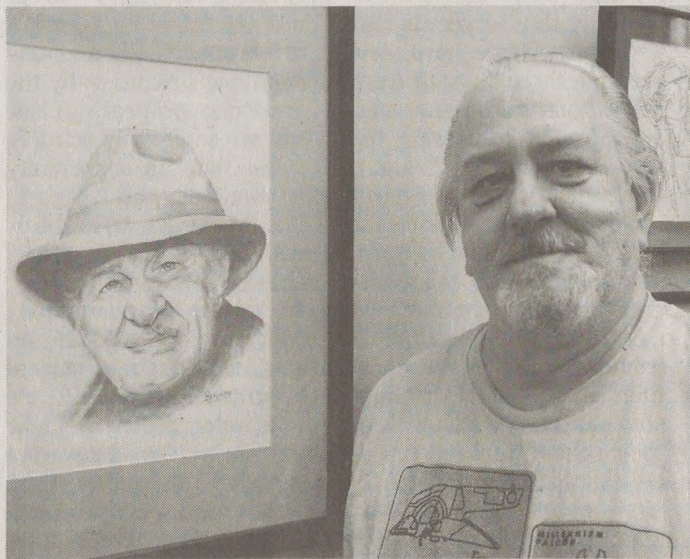
The Tewksbury Community of Artists had the honor of having nine of Mico's drawings and artwork and three of his mini sculptures on display among seven pieces of submitted artwork. Many of

Mico's pieces of art being displayed have not been seen by the public. This is an opportunity to see his work up close.

Tewksbury has been honored to have Mico Kaufman as part of the community since 1967. He was born in Romania in 1928 and died in 2016, a world renowned sculptor, medalist and artist. His heart and passion was to create, and create he did.

Mico's sculptures grace Route 38 from the South Tewksbury fire station's Muster Park to Wamesit Park in the north end of 38. The Tewksbury Community of Artists has the pleasure of Mico's sculptures on permanent display for their enjoyment, to add beauty and meaning to everyone's lives.

His last accomplishment was writing his biography, A CHISELER'S TRUE STORY. Anyone wishing to purchase Mico's book may contact Elsie Howell, trustee of Mico Kaufman's RVOC Trust at 978-657-7016.



▲ Portrait Artist from Lowell, MA, Pierre Beaumier stands beside his work, a portrait of Mico Kaufman.

(Photos: Bruce Hilliard.com)

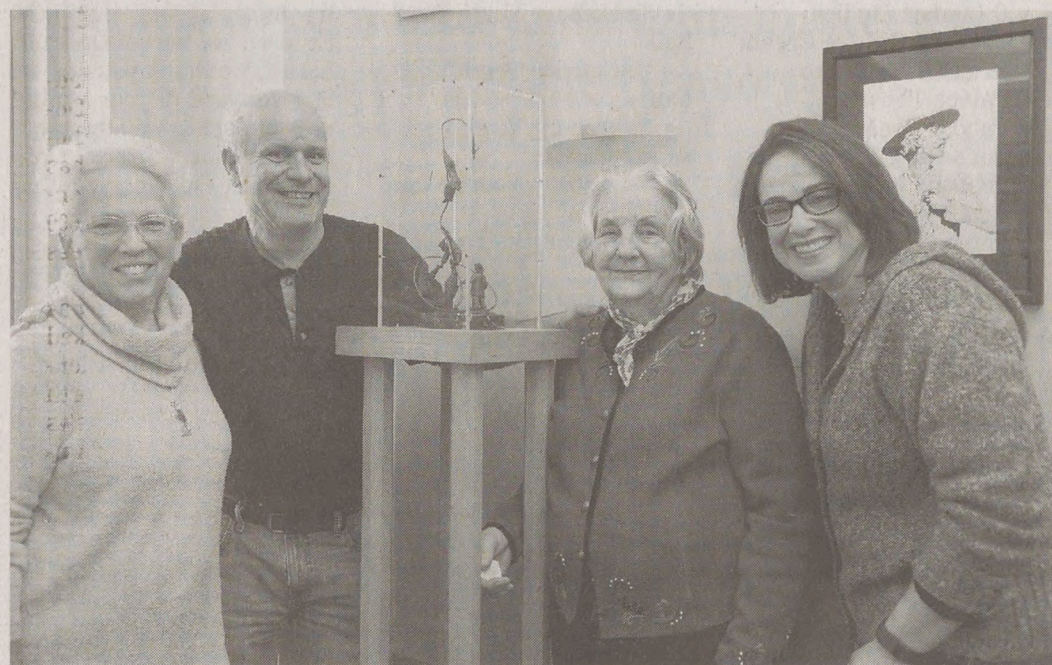
The participating artists are all members of the TCA. Pierre Beaumier drew a portrait of "Mico" in graphite. Jack Bordenca painted an acrylic of the sculpture "Water" but titled it "mico" (MICO). Valerie Borgal, the coordinator for the library monthly shows, painted a watercolor of Mico with him imagining his sculptures titled "Out of His Mind" and also created a pen and ink stippling of Mico's "Whistler", which is on permanent display in Lowell at the Whistler House Museum. Betsy Grecoe photographed two sculptures: one of the

Wamesit Indian titled "Warrior" and the other of Touching Souls titled "Confab." Jeannette Waugh, the TCA Chairperson, created a piece titled "Woodstock" using cut-out cardboard.

The reception was held on Saturday, Jan. 13 with many people attending who appreciated all the art Mico has given to the world. Visit the library during their regular hours. Monday - Wednesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

And be sure to visit the art show, "A Tribute to Mico Kaufman," in the Fairgrieve Room on the first floor. The show will be up until Feb. 6. Anyone interested in joining the Tewksbury Community of Artists can look on the website for an application: <http://www.tewksburycommunityofartists.com/>

▲ Tewksbury Community of Artists Director Valerie Borgal, Portrait artist Jack Bordenca, longtime friend of Mico Kaufman and Tewksbury resident Elsie Howell, and Chairwoman of the TCA Jeannette Waugh. The sculpture in the photograph was created by Mico Kaufman and the larger than life original can be seen at the South Street Fire House in Tewksbury.



Metro North Regional Housing Services hours

WILMINGTON — The - 11 a.m.

Metro North Regional Housing Services Office Housing Coordinator, Laurie Stanton, will be holding office hours to assist residents with their affordable housing questions. Laurie will be available in the Small Conference Room at Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, on two dates in January:

- Tuesday, Jan. 16 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 30 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The Metro North Regional Housing Services Office helps people find affordable housing in Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and Saugus.

If you are unable to attend office hours on either of these dates, future dates will be announced. Laurie can also be reached at her Reading Office at 781-942-6667 during normal business hours.

Tewksbury Public Schools



Announcement

for parents of students attending Tewksbury Public Schools: Career, Vocational, and Technical School Application Process (For schools other than Shawheen Valley Technical High School)

Chapter 74 Non-Resident Tuition

Students interested in out-of-district placements under Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to Tewksbury Public Schools, Christopher Malone, Superintendent, for the specific school they wish to attend by April 1st of the preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves the right to reject any application received after that date.

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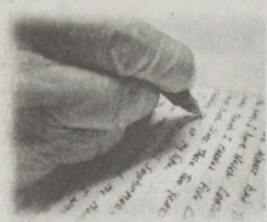
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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Is it time to say goodbye to Rep. Miceli?

To the editor,

With 2018 upon us, people in Tewksbury and Wilmington will be keeping a watchful eye on State Rep Jim Miceli.

In November, the *Lowell Sun* published a story about Rep Miceli's inability to vote in the house chamber due to his failing health. If and when he votes for his constituents, it's from his office. And I say if and when, because during the final month of formal house session (November), the soon to be 83-year old missed nearly half of the roll call votes (Missed 14 out of 31), including all six

votes on Nov. 13.

That's the day amendments were debated for the controversial criminal justice reform bill. That's a day when the 19th Middlesex District had no voice on Beacon Hill. How many more voiceless days will it take for the district to realize it's time to wish Rep. Miceli well in his retirement?

House Journals for November 2017: <https://malegislature.gov/Journal/House/190/11-01-2017>

Sincerely,
Joe Dunn

Equal pay in America today

To the editor,

I don't send an article as a teaching moment very often but I would like to today on MLK Day.

He is and was renown for Civil Rights but there were two other causes that he championed. His last was the opposition to the Vietnam War in 67, 68 which caused many African Americans to turn their backs on him. But history has proven his approach to it, as the best policy that should have been followed!

The other was why he was

in Memphis that fateful day.

It was Workers Rights: the Sanitation workers who were not only dumping garbage but getting garbage wages and benefits doing such.

So like Martin supported the Pay Equity Act of 1963. Let's renew our commitment and say we are not going to wait another 55 years for it to occur.

EQUAL PAY IN AMERICA TODAY

EQUAL PAY IN AMERICA TODAY

George Ferdinand



(Photo by Matt Fronduto)

Do snow days harm students?

By MATT FRONDUTO
TMHS Correspondent

With the recent influx of snowfall over the past few weeks, the students at Tewksbury High have now received three days off from school (as of Tuesday, Jan. 16), already surpassing the 2016-2017 school year's grand total. And while everybody roots for snow days, administration officials can be quick to demonize the phenomenon and spew pure libel.

And, while of course it would be foolish to omit mention of the fact that both students and teachers have their school week interrupted, derailing the child's focus and muddling the teacher's lesson plan, the effect

is not as drastic as some would like you to believe. For example, a snow day, at its core, is no more than an abbreviated weekend. Weekends, as many know, are a perfect opportunity to recalibrate one's mind, so by the transitive property, snow days are essentially no more or less than an opportunity for students and teachers alike to gather their bearings, and return to school refreshed the next day.

In fact, a Harvard study conducted from 2003-2010 reflects no change in student performance in years where there were greater or fewer snow days. The study even suggested on snowy days where school was not cancelled, the performance of most

students saw a sharp decline.

Another common complaint is that students are deprived the opportunity to learn more material in their Advanced Placement classes, considering the dates for the final exams are set nationwide, and cannot be changed by any individual school district. And as it turns out, administrators are not alone in this thought.

"The AP test dates are already set in stone," said TMHS junior Stephen Duquette, "so every day of school cancelled is one less day of AP class we have to attend."

While valid to an extent, this point lacks one fundamental flaw: if a student is in an advanced placement

class, the responsibility should fall on him/her to venture out and absorb the information on his own, instead of waiting for his/her teacher to do so.

Most prominently, however, is the fact that the snow on the roads is a legitimate threat to public health and safety, and that allowing school to proceed in such conditions may just be a violation of the mutual trust that the public has formed with the school district.

Therefore, if at any point, the concept of the "snow day" is treated unfairly with unreasonable and untruthful slander, feel free to object, and inform the critic that there may not be as much harm as he/she may think.

Tewksbury Education Foundation had lots of support last year

Dear Tewksbury Community,

As we begin 2018, the Tewksbury Education Foundation (TEF) would like to thank the community for your support last year. With your help in 2017, we were able to raise funds during our Tewksbury Family Day at Canobie Lake, the TEF School Auction, Staff Recognition Program and Barnes and Noble Day.

All the funds raised went back to the children of Tewksbury. We were able to award prizes to the winners at our annual Spelling Bee, award prizes to drug awareness contests winners (in partnership with the Tewksbury Police) and provide two TMHS students TEF Scholarships.

We purchased STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) items for each and every Tewksbury Public School. HP Stream laptops and carts, kilns, projector with screen, and iPads were just a few of the items we provide through the community's generous support.

We would like to thank our wonderful generous auction sponsors...

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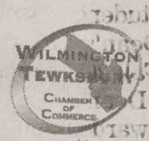
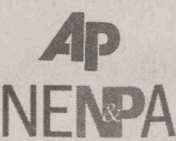
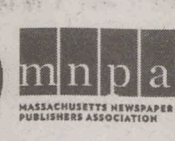
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Tewksbury Library News:

Pulitzer Prize winner Daniel Golden on January 23

Event Registration

Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.tewksburypl.org or by calling 978-640-4490. We strongly recommend registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for generously sponsoring our programs.

Adult Events

TEWKSBURY
JOB SEEKERS:

Show Them, Don't Tell Them with Joanne Dennison (*RR)
Monday, January 22, 2pm
Learn how to take control of your interview and stand out by showing them what you have done, and more importantly, showing them what you can do for them. Presented by "Guidance Counselor for Grown-Ups" Joanne Dennison, MSed, CMP, founder of the Ordinary Success Project. There will be time for networking after each presentation.

WINTER LIVING
HISTORY SERIES:

An Evening with Dolley Madison (*RR)
Monday, January 22, 7pm
Actress Janet Parnes will perform her one-woman show, "Quaker Girl Takes Washington's Center Stage: The Rise of Dolley Madison." Dolley Madison, wife of the fourth U.S. President James Madison, may best be known for saving the George Washington portrait during the burning of Washington, but there is far more to her story than that! She became a force for bringing women out of their homes and into the news and politics of the day; facilitating political connections; transforming the White House into an exquisite national home; and helping unite a divided citizenry.

AUTHOR VISIT:
'Spy Schools' with

Daniel Golden (*RR)
Tuesday, January 23, 7pm
Pulitzer Prize winner Daniel Golden, author of "Spy Schools: How The CIA, FBI and Foreign Intelligence Secretly Exploit America's Universities," will reveal how academia has become a major target of foreign and domestic espionage, and why that's such troubling news for our nation's security and democratic values. Q&A and book signing to follow the event for those interested.

CONCERT:

Mike Weidenfeller, Jazz Guitarist (*RR)
Wednesday, January 24, 10:30am
Enjoy a concert from jazz guitarist Mike Weidenfeller, a five-time winner of the Boston Phoenix Reader's Poll. Mike has an extensive background in music education, including a Bachelor's degree from Berklee and a Master's degree from Longy. He's been performing solo and in various bands for more than 25 years, releasing six albums. Last year, he co-founded the charitable music and media organization, "First Frulla Hits." Complimentary coffee and munchkins.

Tewksbury News

Discussion Group (*RR)
Wednesday, January 24, 1:30pm
Do you enjoy talking about town topics? Want to learn more about what's going on in Tewksbury? Attend these monthly meetings to review the month's major local news stories. This month's guest speaker will be the Lowell Sun's Tewksbury reporter, Kori Tuitt. All attendees will receive a free issue of the latest Town Crier. Limited to 15 seats.

AUTHOR VISIT:

'Boston's South End' with Lauren Prescott (*RR)
Thursday, January 25, 7pm
Lauren Prescott, author of

"Boston's South End," will recount the history of one of the city's most famous neighborhoods, from its inception as a wealthy residential district to a vibrant immigrant community in the early 20th century. History lovers and Boston transplants living in the Tewksbury and the Merrimack Valley are sure to enjoy this multimedia presentation. Q&A and book signing to follow the event for those interested.

WINTER FILM SERIES:

Battle of the Sexes (Dinner & A Movie) (*RR)
Friday, January 26, 12:30pm AND 7pm
Enjoy a screening of one of Hollywood's newest DVD releases — Battle of the Sexes, a biographical drama starring Emma Stone and Steve Carell. The true story of the 1973 tennis match between World number one Billie Jean King and ex-champ and serial hustler Bobby Riggs. Rated PG-13. 121 minutes. 86% positive critics rating. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Pizza and water will be served from 6:30pm to 7pm. A \$2 donation is suggested. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library and Tewksbury Lions Club. Can't make it at 7pm? The film will also be screening at 12:30pm.

Kids Events

Tiny Tykes Story Time
Monday, January 22, 10:15am AND 11am
For babies ages 0 to 18 months. Older siblings are always welcome to join in! Join us for a fun session of stories, songs, fingerplays and gentle movement that help build early literacy skills. Please note, we have 2 sessions that are the same, one is at 10:15am and the other is at 11:00am. There is no registration HOWEVER there is limited space in the room. Please check in at the

Children's desk upon arrival to check to see if there is still room available in the session.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, January 23, 11am
For ages 3 to 6. Older and younger are always welcome! Join Miss Noelle for a great time with stories, songs, movement, instruments and plenty more. No registration required to get your early literacy skills on!

Little Einsteins (*RR)

Wednesday, January 24, 11am
For ages 3 to 6. Want your preschooler to have fun with science? Math? Engineering? Then come to this hands on program where each time we meet we focus on a different subject to explore. You never know what you'll learn next! This program is limited to 15 participants. Registration is required and begins on January 16th. Call the Children's desk.

Wiggle Time

Thursday, January 25, 10:15am AND 11am
For 2 year olds (18 months and up). Older or younger siblings are always welcome! Continue those early literacy skills with stories, songs, fingerplays, movement and more in this active story time. No registration required HOWEVER space is limited in the room. Please check in at the Children's desk upon arrival to see if there is still space in the story time room. This story time is repeated twice; once at 10:15am and once at 11:00am.

Art Adventures

Thursday, January 25, 2pm
For ages 5 to 11 (grades K to 5). Come by today to create an art project! We explore all different types of art — you never know what we'll create next! This session, we'll be making zooflakes — snowflakes that look like animals! No registration required. Drop in any time during the

hour to work on your project.

DIY Craft Saturday

Saturday, January 27, 10am-noon
For ages 5 to 11 (grades K to 5). Come by today to create an art project! We explore all different types of art — you never know what we'll create next! This session, we'll be making zooflakes — snowflakes that look like animals! No registration required. Drop in any time during the hour to work on your project.

Teen Events

Sew Cute Things:
Grades 6-12 (*RR)

Tuesday, January 23, 6pm
Do you like cute things? Do you know how to sew or are interested in trying it out? Then this is the program for you! Make something for yourself or as a gift. In January, we will be creating mini animals! This event is open to teens in grades 6 through 12.

Aromatherapy Make and
Take: Grades 6-12 (*RR)

Wednesday, January 24,

5:30pm
Come learn about essential oils and healing botanicals in this hands-on workshop where you will create an aromatherapy dream pillow, bath salts, and soap! Open to those in grades 6-12.

Movie and Pizza in Teen
Space: Lego Batman:

Grades 6-12 (*RR)
Thursday, January 25, 11:30am
It's an Early Release Day! Come watch Lego Batman and eat pizza in the Teen Space. Please register so that we know how much pizza to buy! This program is open to teens in Grades 6-12.

Teen Afterhours Movie:

Cloverfield (*RR)
Friday, January 26, 9:30pm
Come to a screening of "Cloverfield" while the library is closed! Pizza will be provided for teens who register. Click here to download the permission slip for this event. This program is after hours. Teens who would like to participate must be in grades 9-12 and have a signed permission slip. All teens must be in the building by 10pm.

WILMINGTON TEWKSBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

11th ANNUAL Comedy Night

FRIDAY March 2, 2018

Doors Open at 6:30 pm (Comics On Stage at 8:00 pm)

at The Shriners Auditorium Fez Room
99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington

Join us for a wee bit o'fun as we celebrate luck, life & laughter!

- Dress In Green
- Hilarious Comics
- Cash Bar/Green Beer
- Bring your own food/snacks ... Go Green
- Awesome Raffles ... Find Your Pot of Gold
- Support the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce

Tickets \$20 ea.
Tables of 10 Available

For Tickets Call:
Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211 (Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber)

Sold out show last 10 years

Free educational event at RMLD Wednesday, Jan. 24

READING — Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) invites its customers to attend a free educational event on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at RMLD's offices located at 230 Ash St., Reading.

RMLD staff will provide information on a variety of RMLD programs that can help customers save energy and money. Topics include available rebates, the Online Store and Customer Rebate Portal, Solar Choice, and Shred the

Peak. Energy efficiency tips will also be presented.

Light refreshments will be served, and each attendee will receive a complimentary LED light bulb.

Please register at www.rmld.com.

Garrard and Chisholm make
Dean's List at Husson

BANGOR, ME — Wilmington resident Brittany Anne Garrard and Tewksbury resident Delaney Astrid Chisholm have been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester.

Garrard is a sophomore who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies/ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program.

Chisholm is a sophomore who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration

in international business program.

Students who make the Dean's List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of between 3.60 to 3.79 during the period.

For more than 100 years, Husson University has prepared future leaders to handle the challenges of tomorrow through innovative undergraduate and graduate degrees. With a commitment to delivering affordable classroom, online and experiential learning opportunities, Hus-

son University has come to represent superior value in higher education.

The Bangor campus and off-campus satellite education centers in Southern Maine, Wells, and Northern Maine provide advanced knowledge in business; health and education; pharmacy studies, science and humanities; as well as communication.

In addition, Husson University has a robust adult learning program. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

Chmela named to
President's List at Husson

BANGOR, ME — Tewksbury resident, Nicholas M. Chmela, has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Fall 2017 semester.

Chmela is a senior who is

currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Communications Technology with a concentration in live sound technology program.

Students who make the

President's List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of between 3.80 to 4.0 during the period.

14 make Dean's List at
North Shore Community College

DANVERS — North Shore Community College President Patricia Gentile is pleased to announce that the students listed below were Dean's List students for the Fall 2017 semester.

Dean's List Honors are awarded to students who

have earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

TEWKSBURY

Timothy Burditt, Kyle Catizone, Timothy Hubert, Kelly Pothier, Shawna

Scialdone, John Trombley

WILMINGTON

Suzanne By, John Grealish, Mackenzie Griffin, Cassandra Knox, Pamela Okumura, Briana Parow, Kellie Regan, Edward Sheridan

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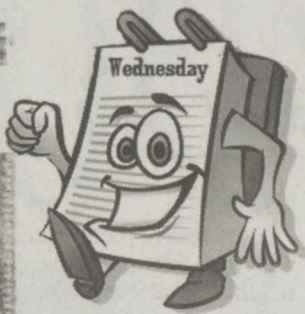
Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Business Bootcamp, "Chamber 101"
Date: Thursday, January 25
Time: 8 am – 9:15 am
Place: Panera Bread, Wilmington

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Date: Saturday, January 27
Time: 10:30 am
Place: Escapology, Tewksbury
Grand Opening Celebration 10 am - Noon

Women In Business Networking
Date: Tuesday, February 6
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Place: Windsor Place, Wilmington
Cost: \$10 Members, \$20 Guests
Women, Wine & Wellness

Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.



Community Calendar

send your item to:
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Wilmington Calendar:

How to go to college . . . without going broke

Open House at Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 (snow date Tuesday, January 30, 2018)

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center is hosting a community Open House on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 (snow date Tuesday, January 30, 2018) from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. All families in Wilmington and surrounding communities are invited to come see the high quality education and experiences being provided to students at Abundant Life, visit the classrooms, and meet the exceptional teachers and staff. Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center is centrally located at 173 Church Street, across the Wilmington Town Common. Abundant Life looks forward to seeing you at Open House, and sharing how Abundant Life is "Growing Kids God's Way!" For more information, call 978-657-8710 or visit abundantlifeschool.com.

How to Go to College... Without Going Broke!
Thursday January 25 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tuscan Kitchen, 2400 District Ave. in Burlington
At a free college financial

planning dinner seminar, learn how to qualify for the most financial aid, reduce your college tuition bills, and reduce your stress and anxiety. Reservations are required. Register at collegeplanningservices.org or call John DeLorey of College Planning Services at 978-462-1666.

Annual Comedy Night
Friday, February 2, 2018
Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks, 777 South Street in Tewksbury
The Wilmington Sons of Italy and Wilmington Band Parents announce their Annual Comedy Night, featuring Headliner Orlando Baxter, Justin McKinney and Chris D. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and show starts at 9:00 p.m. The donation is \$20. Bring your own goodies for the table. Raffles and Silent Auction proceeds are to benefit the scholarship funds of both organizations. For tickets, call Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734.

Comedy Night
Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Billerica Elks on Webb Brook Road
Support the Shawsheen Tech Parent Advisory Council's All-Night Graduation

Party. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring food for your table. Tickets are \$20 each, but you can buy a table of 10 by February 1 for only \$175. The check must be received by February 1 to take advantage of this discount. For more information, contact April at jahearts@aol.com or Taryn at tulip1147@comcast.net or 978-502-7684.

Safety seat installation
Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street
The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

Knights of Columbus Cribbage
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Wilmington Knights of Columbus
The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting weekly cribbage matches. Games will be held on Monday nights throughout the fall, winter and spring starting on

Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The games are held in the member's lounge located in the lower level of the building and access is through the rear door. Admission is \$5 with most of that being returned to the first and second place finishers each week. This is an adult activity open to the readership of this newspaper as well as brother knights. The games are friendly head to head competitions and all skill levels are welcome. Adult beverages are available and the club has wide screen TVs to keep track of your favorite teams. For more information, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge
Fourth of July Building
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

Billerica Elks on Webb Brook Road
Support the Shawsheen Tech Parent Advisory Council's All-Night Graduation Party. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring food for your table. Tickets are \$20 each, but you can buy a table of 10 by February 1 for only \$175. The check must be received by February 1 to take advantage of this discount. For more information, contact April at jahearts@aol.com or Taryn at tulip1147@comcast.net or 978-502-7684.

Tap class
Thursdays from 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
A fun, beginner level tap class that works on rhythm and basic tap steps put to upbeat music from the 50's through today's music

Puzzle Corner

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Tewksbury Calendar:

Two comedy nights, one in February and one in March

Swing into Winter with the SilverTones
Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street
Friday, January 19 from 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tewksbury's own Big Swing Band will continue its "3rd Friday" dances with its 189th performance on January 19 for your listening and dancing pleasure. The 20 professional musicians will provide "Jolly January" music for its 17th year to chase away the winter blahs in the beautiful, warm, handicapped accessible Senior Center at 175 Chandler Street. For \$10 admission, singles and couples can enjoy vocalist B.B. Braxten and jazz, waltzes, Latin, jitterbugs, polkas, and even line dance music, along with cake and coffee. Bring along

your favorite beverages and snacks. Ice is free. Soda machine is nearby. Door prize is free admission to a future dance! Get some exercise and meet new friends. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music is 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

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Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks, 777 South Street in Tewksbury
The Wilmington Sons of Italy and Wilmington Band Parents announce their Annual Comedy Night, featuring Headliner Orlando Baxter, Justin McKinney and Chris D. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and show starts at 9:00 p.m. The donation is \$20. Bring your own goodies for the table. Raffles and Silent Auction proceeds are to benefit the scholarship funds of both organizations. For tickets, call Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734.

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How to Go to College... Without Going Broke!
Thursday January 25 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tuscan Kitchen, 2400 District Ave. in Burlington
At a free college financial planning dinner seminar, learn how to qualify for the most financial aid, reduce your college tuition bills, and reduce your stress and anxiety. Reservations are required. Register at collegeplanningservices.org or call John DeLorey of College Planning Services at 978-462-1666.

Comedy Night
Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.



Sheryl Faye as Abigail Adams
(Courtesy photo)

Tea fundraiser features historical performer Faye

TEWKSBURY — The annual Tea fundraiser, which sold out in two weeks, will be held from 11 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Tewksbury Senior Center.
Sheryl Faye will recount Abigail Adams' life in stunning costume while transporting guests into the early years in Quincy with her growing family and then to the White House where she was the first First Lady to live.
The program which has been thoroughly researched will be professionally delivered

seamlessly weaving background narrations and slides with props. Faye, who is well known for other historic performances including Eleanor Roosevelt, Helen Keller and Anne Frank, will be presenting this program for the very first time at this Tea.

Proceeds from the Tea support the Power of Flowers mission to bring joy into the lives of seniors and others in need by delivering bouquets at no charge to them where they live.

Updated 2018 withholding tables now available

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service released Notice 1036, which updates the income-tax withholding tables for 2018 reflecting changes made by the tax reform legislation enacted last month. This is the first in a series of steps that IRS will take to help improve the accuracy of withholding following major changes made by the new tax law.

The updated withholding information, posted on irs.gov, shows the new rates for employers to use during 2018. Employers should begin using the 2018 withholding tables as soon as possible, but not later than Feb. 15, 2018. They should continue to use the 2017 withholding tables until implementing the 2018 withholding tables.

Many employees will begin to see increases in their paychecks to reflect the new law in February. The time it will take for employees to see the changes in their paychecks will vary depending on how

quickly the new tables are implemented by their employers and how often they are paid — generally weekly, biweekly or monthly. The new withholding tables are designed to work with the Forms W-4 that workers have already filed with their employers to claim withholding allowances. This will minimize burden on taxpayers and employers. Employees do not have to do anything at this time.

"The IRS appreciates the help from the payroll community working with us on these important changes," said Acting IRS Commissioner David Kautter. "Payroll withholding can be complicated, and the needs of taxpayers vary based on their personal financial situation. In the weeks ahead, the IRS will be providing more information to help people understand and review these changes."

The new law makes a number of changes for 2018 that affect individual taxpayers. The new tables reflect

the increase in the standard deduction, repeal of personal exemptions and changes in tax rates and brackets.

For people with simpler tax situations, the new tables are designed to produce the correct amount of tax withholding. The revisions are also aimed at avoiding over- and under-withholding of tax as much as possible.

To help people determine their withholding, the IRS is revising the withholding tax calculator on irs.gov. The IRS anticipates this calculator should be available by the end of February. Taxpayers are encouraged to use the calculator to adjust their withholding once it is released.

The IRS is also working on revising the Form W-4. Form W-4 and the revised calculator will reflect additional changes in the new law, such as changes in available itemized deductions, increases in the child tax credit, the new dependent credit and re-

peal of dependent exemptions.

The calculator and new Form W-4 can be used by employees who wish to update their withholding in response to the new law or changes in their personal circumstances in 2018, and by workers starting a new job. Until a new Form W-4 is issued, employees and employers should continue to use the 2017 Form W-4.

In addition, the IRS will help educate taxpayers about the new withholding guidelines and the calculator. The effort will be designed to help workers ensure that they are not having too much or too little withholding taken out of their pay.

For 2019, the IRS anticipates making further changes involving withholding. The IRS will work with the business and payroll community to encourage workers to file new Forms W-4 next year and share information on changes in the new tax law that impact withholding.

OBITUARIES

Kevin T. 'Becca' Berrigan

Served six years in US Army during Vietnam

Kevin T. "Becca" Berrigan, age 81, a life-long resident of Wilmington, passed away on Jan. 10, 2018, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Kevin was born on March 31, 1936 in Woburn, MA; he was the dear son of the late John and Mary Berrigan. Kevin was raised and educated in Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1954.

In September of 1957, Kevin was inducted into the United States Army; serving more than six years during the Vietnam War. Kevin was honorably discharged from active duty in 1963 and returned home to his family in Wilmington.

Kevin married Beverly Desrochers on Sept. 19, 1964; the couple shared over 53 years together; raised two wonderful children, and had many great times with their family and friends.

When Kevin became a "Papa" to his six grandchildren his whole world became even brighter. Kevin treasured the time he spent with those kids; whether it was playing in the pool, acting goofy with selfies, or sharing a special occasion, he beamed with pride when he spoke of them.

Kevin was a hard worker;

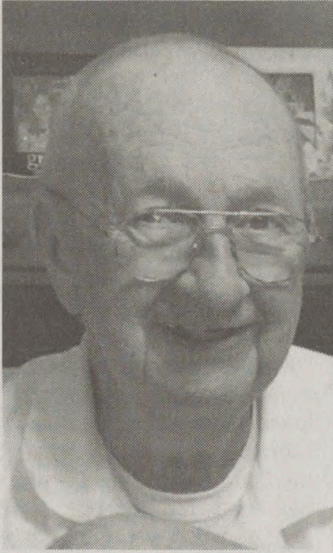
for many years he owned and operated the Needham Shade and Linoleum Company. Kevin's endearing personality, his work ethic, and his ability to treat his clients with honesty and respect made him quite a success in his field.

Kevin was fondly known as "the Shade Man"; he was very meticulous, a perfectionist and it showed with each job he finished; his work was second to none.

In his spare time, Kevin enjoyed golfing with his buddies, going to the race track with friends, and looking forward to his annual trip with his wife Beverly to Saratoga. Kevin also enjoyed watching sports and spending time with his family.

Kevin will be fondly remembered as a "character" with a great sense of humor and a big heart. Kevin was kind and friendly and he would go out of his way to do for others. Kevin was a great guy who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Kevin was the beloved husband of Beverly A. (Desrochers) Berrigan, devoted father of Lawrence "Larry" Berrigan & his wife Karen of Westford and Sandra Fallica & her husband Mark of Acton, loving "Papa" of Molly and John Berrigan, Valerie, Joseph, Claire and Grace Fal-



lica, cherished son of the late John L. & Mary I. (McDonald) Berrigan, dear brother of Paul Berrigan of N. Chelmsford, Virginia Mailoux of Ellenton, FL and the late John L. Berrigan, Jr.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Monday, Jan. 15 from 4 - 7:45 p.m. immediately followed by a Prayer Service at 7:45 p.m. and concluded with Military Honors.

Memorial donations in Kevin's name may be made to the Learning Center for the Deaf, 848 Central Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

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Janice Marie (Southmayd) Brabant

Services on Monday, Jan. 22 at 11 a.m.

Janice Marie (Southmayd) Brabant, of Colorado Springs, CO formerly of Wilmington, MA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, in Colorado Springs, CO; she was 71.

Janice was born on May 30, 1946; she was the daughter of the late Arthur M. and Lillian R. Southmayd of Wilmington, MA. Janice resided in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School. Janice lived in Wilmington until her marriage to her husband Richard Brabant.

Janice is survived by her son Richard Aristide Brabant Jr. and grandson Sebastian of Colorado Springs, CO, her daughter Shirley Adams & her husband Donald and granddaughter Jessica Bedard of Winter Springs, FL; her son Robert Brabant & his wife Allison and grandsons Robert and Thomas of Wilmington, MA; her son Ronald

Brabant & his wife Rhonda and grandchildren Treavor, Brooklynn and Kelsey of Colorado Springs, CO; her daughter Stacey Palm & her husband Eric and grandson Aristide of Wilmington, MA.

Her siblings Clifford Southmayd & his late wife Louise of Stoneham, MA, Charles Southmayd & his wife Deborah and Thomas Southmayd & his wife Louise all of Wilmington, Claire Connelly & her husband Neal of North Carolina.

Janice is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces & great-nephews. Janice was also the sister of the late Arthur Southmayd, Merrilyn Corcoran & her husband Robert of Wilmington and James Southmayd & his wife Jeanne of Wakefield.

Janice's family will be receiving people at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, MA on Monday, Jan. 22



at 11 a.m. with a Memorial Service celebrating her life at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, kindly make a donation in Janice's name to the Alzheimer Care Unit at Springs Village Care Center, 110 West Van Buren St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907-8400.

Max L. Freuchet

Services today from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Max L. Freuchet, age 88, of Wilmington, passed away on Jan. 13, 2018.

Max was the beloved husband of the late Mary V. (Burke) Freuchet, devoted father of the late Max V. Freuchet, cherished son of the late Francis and Alice (Brun) Freuchet, dear brother of the late John Freuchet all of Lavardac, France.

Max is survived by his niece Verna (Burke) and her husband Harvie Dennis of Mississauga, Ontario and

his dear friend Tony Sofia of Andover, MA.

Family and friends will gather for visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial donations in Max's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

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John C. Trickett

Former WHS hockey player

John C. Trickett, age 62, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 17, 2018, at the Winchester Hospital.

John was born on April 2, 1955 at the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett; he was the dear son of the late David and Marie (Milley) Trickett of Wilmington.

John was raised and educated in Wilmington; he attended Wilmington High School where he played hockey for the Wilmington Wildcats. John graduated with the Class of 1973.

John worked for many years as an electrician and

was a member of the IBEW Local 103 in Boston.

John found drawing and sketching a peaceful pastime. In healthier years, he loved fishing and gardening.

John was the husband of June M. (Pidgeon) Trickett of Wilmington, father of Janette T. Wiggett and her husband Bruce of Plymouth, NH and the late John Trickett.

Grampa of Jaylen Trickett of Methuen, MA and Cabot and Logan Wiggett of Plymouth, NH. He was the brother of Paul Trickett & wife Ann and David Trickett & wife Cindy all of Wind-

ham, NH, and Elizabeth Thomas and husband Bob of Sammamish, WA.

John is further survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, MA on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 3 - 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to National Alliance on Mental Illness-New Hampshire: <http://www.naminh.org/getinvolved/donate/>.

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Virginia C. (Doucette) Brander DiGregorio

Volunteered with Mission of Deeds

Virginia C. "Ginny" (Doucette) Brander DiGregorio, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2018, at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading.

Ginny was born on Jan. 12, 1935, in Winchester, MA; she was the dear daughter of the late Clarence and Frances Doucette. Ginny was raised and educated in Reading, MA and was the Valedictorian of Reading High School with the Class of 1953. Ginny went on to continue her education at Emmanuel College and Chandler Business School.

Ginny married "her sweetheart" John Brander in 1955; the couple moved to Wilmington in 1963 where they raised two wonderful sons, Steven and Kevin. Ginny was a very devoted and loving wife and mother; she was always there to give unconditional love and support to her family. Ginny and John, along with their boys shared many great times together before John's untimely passing in 1979.

Ginny was always very intelligent and had a great work ethic; she started her career in the banking industry by working as a teller for Reading Savings Bank in Wilmington. Ginny's years of hard work, excellent people skills, and knowledge of the industry resulted in her earning her position as Assistant Branch Manager for Mass Bank in Wilmington. She retired in the late 1980's following many years of dedication to her profession.

Ginny found love again with Ernie DiGregorio; the couple married in 1984 and had a wonderful life together. Ginny and Ernie cherished the time they spent

with each other's children and grandchildren and were able to blend their families together perfectly. They also loved to travel the world, see new places and meet new people; they always had a great time when they were together.

In her spare time, Ginny enjoyed going to lunch with friends and following her Boston sports teams; which she was very passionate about. She enjoyed the time she spent with her family and extended family; she was very proud of each and every one of them.

Ginny was very dedicated to her volunteer work with Mission of Deeds and to helping others in need. Ginny volunteered for nearly 20 years and was recognized by the New England Patriots and Bob Kraft for her unwavering efforts to Mission of Deeds.

Ginny will be fondly remembered for her friendliness towards others and for her kind, caring nature. She was truly a "one of a kind lady" who went out of her way to do whatever she could for her family, friends, or complete strangers. Ginny had a heart of gold and she will forever be missed by all.

Virginia was the beloved wife of the late Ernest DiGregorio and John H. Brander, devoted mother of Steven K. Brander & his companion Leah Tremblay of Atkinson, NH and Kevin J. Brander & his wife Lauri of Wilmington, loving "Grammy" of Matthew Brander & his wife Valerie, Ryan Brander and Samantha Brander, great-grandmother of Ella Brander, cherished daughter of the late Clarence L. and Frances L. (Surrette) Doucette, dear sister of Carol Hanke of Tewksbury, the late



Thomas Doucette, Paul Doucette, Jeanne Meuse and Dorothy Hildreth, step-mother of Michael DiGregorio & his wife Dianna of Wilmington and Louis DiGregorio & his wife Rhonda of Nashua, NH, loving "Grandma Ginny" of Rachel & Fred Oettinger, Douglas & Amanda DiGregorio, Danita & Richard LeTorneau and David DiGregorio, sister-in-law of Marion Doucette.

Ginny is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, most notably Judy Hildreth who was a loving niece and companion to Ginny.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Friday, Jan. 19 from 10 - 11:45 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at noon. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Memorial donations in Ginny's name may be made to the Mission of Deeds, 6 Chapin Ave., Reading, MA 01867.

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Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center to host Community Open House

WILMINGTON - The Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center will be hosting a community Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m. at 173 Church St., Wilmington.

The school and learning center serve students from infants to 8th grade. Interactive lessons are taught by caring, nurturing Christian teachers at all grade levels. Abundant Life integrates music, physical movement, art and imagination as well as current technology into classrooms

daily.

Students begin learning Spanish in grade 1, and middle school students have the opportunity to choose electives such as film making, sewing, creative writing and sign language and to participate in soccer, basketball and drama. Learning Center classrooms provide a balance of play-based and academic curriculum, with students also enjoying song time, gym time and Adventure Day regularly.

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning

Center provides a quality private education with a strong foundation in biblical and moral values.

Families from Wilmington and surrounding communities are invited to attend the Open House (snow date Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018) to meet teachers and staff, tour classrooms at all age levels, ask questions, and learn about partnering with Abundant Life in Growing Kids God's Way.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

The top 10 borrowed books at the Wilmington Public Library

Here are the top ten borrowed books at Wilmington Memorial Library. How many of them have you read?

- Truly Madly Guilty by Liane Moriarty
- A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
- Murder Games by James Patterson
- The Stars are Fire by Anita Shreve
- The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
- You'll Never Know, Dear by Hallie Ephron
- Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

Jodi Picoult

- Into the Water by Paula Hawkins
- Night Night, Sleep Tight by Hallie Ephron
- The Identicals by Elin Hilderbrand

Upcoming Events

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we re-

quest registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding many of the following programs.

Poetry Circle *RR

Saturday, January 20, 9:15 am-11:30 am

Love poetry? The poetry circle is a great opportunity to meet other poets and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any

prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Job Market Analytics & Job Tips *RR

Monday, January 22, 10 am
Mike Moore, president and COO of award winning Moore Staffing Services of Methuen and managing partner with Supply Chain Talent Partners, will discuss job market analytics and tips for finding the ideal job. Mike started working in the staffing industry in 1980 and opened the Methuen office in 1986.

Tranquil Tuesdays with Brad

Tuesday, January 23, 9:15 am

Always wanted to start a meditation practice but don't know how to start? Technology Librarian Brad McKenna, a meditator for over 15 years, will lead you through silent and guided meditations, share his personal experiences, and

offer tips for success. Sessions will be 30 minutes. Join us for one, some, or all!

Writing Skill Group *RR

Tuesday, January 23, 7 pm
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Well Read Wednesday Book Group *RR

Wednesday, January 24, 10 am

Featured Book: Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin

This is a new book group that will discuss contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Director Tina Stewart. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book.

Living a Happier Life

with Lizzie Casanave *RR

Thursday, January 25, 7 pm
Learn how to become happier simply by changing the way you think. Many of us feel we will be happier because of something — such as finding a new job, finishing a project, losing 10 pounds, etc. However, psychologists and neurologists are now realizing that happiness can be more readily achieved through changing the way we think. Led by Lizzie Linn Casanave, a professor of philosophy and member of the Northern Essex Community College Speakers' Bureau.

Art Workshop:

Drawing from Life *RR

Saturday, January 27, 9:30 am-12:30 pm (cost \$10, limit 20)

Register at the main desk. New to drawing or looking for a refresher course? This three-hour introductory workshop taught by WHS art instructor Jen Fidler, will cover sketching from observation, applying the rules of perspective, establishing strong composition and value ranges, and exploring the basics using both graphite and charcoal. Participants are welcome to bring small objects to draw on site or work from the still life provided by the instructor.

Kids & Teen Events

Drop-In Storytime

Friday, January 19, 10:00 am
Drop in for stories, songs,

rhymes and a fun craft! Space is limited. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

R.E.A.D. Middle Grade Book Club: The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Friday, January 19, 3:45 pm
Read, Eat and Discuss great classic books written for kids in grades 4-5.

Drop-In Baby Times

Saturday, January 20, 9:30 am

Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

Dads and Donuts

Saturday, January 20, 10:30 am

Dads and their kids ages two and up are invited to drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Little Movers *RR

Monday, January 22, 10 am
Let's move! Join us for a morning of singing, dancing, and moving around! Ages 1-2

PJ Storytime

Monday, January 22, 6:30 pm
Wear your snuggly pajamas, bring your favorite teddy bear or blanket, and enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and more! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

Mother-Daughter Yoga Night *RR

Ages 10+.

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 pm

Girls and the special ladies in their lives are invited to join The Yoga Loft's Jen Ryan for an introduction to yoga with basic positions, breathing and mindfulness. Please bring your own mat.

First Look Book Group *RR

Wednesday, January 24, 3 pm

Want to discover the next big thing in YA lit? First Look Book Group is for you! Hang out with other teen fiction aficionados and read books hot off the presses. Snacks provided.

Music and More with Bernadette Baird *RR

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 pm

Bernadette Baird presents music and movement for toddlers and young children through age three. Sing, play musical instruments and dance. Ages 1-3

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11 make Dean's List at Curry College

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that the following area students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester:

WILMINGTON

- Erin Campbell
- Molly Fanikos
- Rachel Johansson
- Chiara Marcoccio

TEWKSBURY

- Ryan Anderson
- Brendan Barraclough
- Alexandra Callanan
- Grant Callanan
- John Cave
- Thomas Contaloni
- Andrew Rogers

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Approximately 1,575 of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education. The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program.

Visit us on the web at www.curry.edu.

Parent information for pre-k, kindergarten registration

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Public Schools will be hosting two meetings to discuss what is involved in the preschool/kindergarten registration process, program overview, screening process and programs/services provided by Special Education.

The meetings will be held at Boutwell Early Childhood Center and the Wildwood Early Childhood Center on Feb. 12, 2018 (snow date Feb. 15) at 6 p.m. for preschool parents and 6:30 p.m. for kindergarten parents.

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Lifestyle

◀ ▼ The trails at Rogers Park in Tewksbury provide a chance to walk amongst the trees and soak in the health benefits of time in nature. (Paige Impink photos)

Forest prescription

WALK IN THE WOODS FOR YOUR HEALTH

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
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There is no question that by now we are all experiencing a bit of cabin fever. From deep Arctic cold, to high drifting snow, icy roads and flooding rains, we've had a season of complex weather before the first month of the season has passed. Warmer temperatures are forecast for the next week or so and I encourage you to get outdoors in some way to connect with nature. Recent research is discovering a true connection between humans and nature. People, especially children, are being tagged with "nature deficit disorder," an observation that children who, for myriad reasons, are devoid

of exposure to the outdoors.

Behavior problems are being assigned to this phenomenon (rightly or wrongly), but increasingly we see that children are cooped up in school, hooked on their computers at home, and shuttled from one form of care situation or structured lesson to another. While all of this is part of the reality of daily life in our first world country, it seems that there is a real health benefit that is being missed.

Researchers are finding that a walking the woods and proximity to green space reduces stress hormones in humans on a measurable scale. The scents, sounds and surrounds seem to interact on a molecular level with people, changing blood pressure levels, raising beneficial cell activity, and improving mental health.

Scientific journals around the world have been reporting over the last 10 years that even small amounts of time in nature yield positive and lasting health benefits. Improved concentration, reduced myopia in children, improvement for ADHD symptoms, and in one study in Japan, reduced likelihood of developing cancer. There is actually a term in Japan called Shinrin-yoku or "forest bathing" which describes the benefit of immersing oneself in the woods experience.

A 2017 study quoted in Nature.com Scientific Reports concluded that those living closer to forests exhibited better brain elasticity. "Enriched environments" seem to provide stimulation to the amygdala (the emotion center of the brain) which enhances long term overall

health, reduction of depression, and stress. The study found that urban environments, while complex, elicit more stressful responses than the stimulating complexity of a forest—each having sights, sounds and obstacles for the brain to process.

Additional studies have observed that the scent of the forest has positive impacts. As reported in *Slate.com*, "Even the scent of nature may be beneficial: Chemicals secreted by trees, known as phytoncides, have been linked with improved immune defense as well as a reduction in anxiety and increase in pain threshold."

Fortunately for area residents there are several new trails and areas to walk in the woods which are marked and cleared to provide a forest immersion experi-

ence. Head over to the Pines Cemetery off of East Street (at the kiosk) in Tewksbury and tromp through the crunchy, snow covered leaves. Discover the Chandler Well Fields at the intersection of Whipple Road and Chandler Street, or the rolling trails across from the Pinnacle Street airfield which stretch all the way to East Street.

Wilmington has over six miles of mapped trails including the Town Forest, trails off of Hathaway/Draper Drive, Mill Road, Blanchard Road, Leonard Lane, Lt. Buck Drive, Grace Drive, Ashwood Avenue, and Robert Palmer Park.

Check with each town's website for specific mapping of trails and get yourself out for just a short but incredibly healthy dose of the woods soon!



HAPPENINGS IN EDUCATION

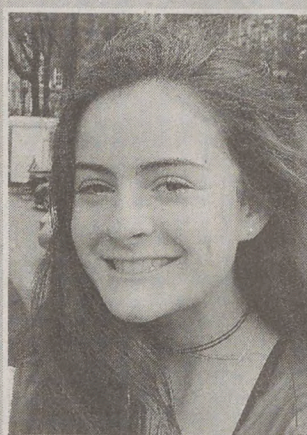
Morris makes most of opportunities

By MATT FRONDUTO

Have you ever met someone who simply embodies the term "ambitious"? Somebody who takes every opportunity to further challenge herself, even when an easier, less troublesome route is surely available? If not, then prepare to do so. Grace Morris, a junior at Tewksbury Memorial High School, has consistently taken every possible step to become the very best at whatever she involves herself in, whether it be sports, community involvement, or perhaps most prominently, academics.

Morris prides herself on her academic excellence, which can be exemplified through her exceedingly difficult course schedule, consisting of three, yes, three, Advanced Placement (AP) classes. However, Grace does not enroll in these challenging classes simply to boost her GPA (though it certainly does not hurt), but rather she genuinely enjoys studying the material and absorbing the information, particularly with regards to the more scientific fields. Thus, it comes as no surprise that Grace's favorite class is Donna Hill's AP psychology, a challenging yet fascinating course detailing the study of the mind.

Her ambition, however, stretches far beyond the reaches of the classroom, and also manifests itself in her eagerness to participate in extracurricular activities



and programs, ranging from prominent positions in both TMHS's Student Council and the New England regional student council organization (NEMASC), to involvement in more leisurely activities such as spring tennis, DECA, and more.

Perhaps most incredibly, Grace manages to balance all of this on her shoulders while still maintaining straight A's across the board, which is anything but an easy task.

Driven as she is, Grace intends to attend a prestigious university, and based on her performance in the classroom, she should not have an issue doing so. California Polytechnic State University, WPI, and Vanderbilt top Grace's list of most desirable colleges, all of which serve as wonderful opportunities to pursue the career she desires, as either bio-engineer or an environmental engineer.

Despite her interest in the aforementioned universities, Grace would certainly welcome with open arms the possibility of studying overseas, ideally, Scotland's esteemed University of Edinburgh. Morris' aspirations of studying in Europe are largely fueled by her hopes to one day live on the other side of the globe, and considering she has already traveled all around the continent, she would be no stranger to the European terrain.

Regardless of how it may seem, Morris does in fact take a break on occasion, and when she does so, she enjoys traveling, consuming various forms of entertainment, and advocating on behalf of environmental preservation.

As only a junior in high school, Grace already has traversed a large portion of Europe and developed a rather varied taste for films and television, enjoying classics such as Schindler's List and new cult hits like Stranger Things.

It is important to recognize that the amount of effort Grace pours into her life on a daily basis is immeasurable, and the dedication and energy that one must have to dedicate such time to her passion is admirable, and while we may not all have the capacity to do so, it would be wise to replicate her level of commitment.

STUDENT PROFILE

14 make Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON — The following students have been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

- Hailee Borino, Class of 2018, from Wilmington and a graduate of Bishop Guertin High School.
- Shana Butler, Class of 2019, from Wilmington and a graduate of Central Catholic High School.
- Bethany Kane, Class of 2019, from Wilmington and a graduate of Wilmington High School.

School.

- Sesen Aron, Class of 2018, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.
- Victoria Burch, Class of 2021, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Central Catholic High School.
- Ashley Colarusso, Class of 2020, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.
- Claudia Curro, Class of 2020, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Matignon High School.
- Irene Houde, Class of 2021, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.
- Alex Joseph, Class of 2021, from Tewksbury and a gradu-

ate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.

- Laurin Joseph, Class of 2018, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.
- Ryan Meade, Class of 2020, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tilton School.
- Kyle Paquette, Class of 2019, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.
- Michelle Stracqualursi, Class of 2020, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.
- Lauren Whelton, Class of 2021, from Tewksbury and a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Seven make President's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2017 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a

student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

WILMINGTON

- Zachary Blanch
- Steven Langenfeld
- Leah Leite

• John Miller

TWESKSBURY

- Meaghan Blaisdell
- Karah Chaisson
- Sarah DeLuca-Gifford

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Three make Dean's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2017 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic

grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

Learn more at www.snhu.edu.



Tewksbury Police Log

Four arrested for possessing class b drugs

Monday, January 8

12:43 p.m. - Police sent after receiving reports of suspicious activity at Deleahanty Drive. Lasette Gonzalez, 32, of 51 Candice St. in Clinton, was arrested and charged with possession of class B drugs. John Dutton, 34, of 51 Candice St. in Clinton, was arrested and charged with possession of class B drugs. Gail Julian, 58, of 26 Grand Ave. in Haverhill, was arrested and charged with possession of class B drugs. Duran McNeill, 34, of 1009 Chandler St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with trafficking in more than 10 grams of fentanyl, two counts of distribute class B drugs and possession of class B drugs.

4:10 p.m. - The caller's wedding ring was stolen from Extended Stay America. Officer reported he would do a supplement from an earlier incident.

6:45 p.m. - Loss Prevention reported three shoplifters, with one of them in their of-

fice at Wal-Mart. Raeburn Yates, 46, of 3 Aynsley Circle in Billerica, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by tag tampering, shoplifting by concealing, and shoplifting by container switching.

8:26 p.m. - Suspicious activity occurred in a white Sedan parked at Decarolis Drive. Michael Berardi-Coulter, 19, of 6212 Avalon Dr. in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with possession to distribute class D drugs.

Tuesday, January 9

5:33 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 to attempt to serve multiple warrants. Yotin Vannavilay, 26, of 41 Miles St. at Fitchburg, was arrested and charged with a two warrant. William Moschetto, 38, of 110 Green St. in Lynn, was arrested and charged with three warrants.

7:12 a.m. - Wal-Mart had a shoplifter in custody. Christopher Monti, 43, of 725 Princeton Boulevard in Lo-

well, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and trespassing.

11:02 a.m. - Devin Sullivan, 23, of 226 Pine St. in Attleboro, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and speeding in violation special regulation.

12:47 p.m. - The front desk of Motel 6 requested assistance with a couple in room #154 who refused to leave and had not paid for the room. Police sent and the party was packing her things and left.

10:33 p.m. - Officer at Motel 6 on a warrant arrest. Yanira Molina, 22, of 540 Blue Hill Ave. in Boston, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery on a household member.

Wednesday, January 10

3:29 p.m. - Caller reported she found some ammo in the parking lot of Riverview Commerce Center. Police

sent. The items retrieved.

8:07 p.m. - Officer returned with one male under arrest from Whipple Road. Vincent McLaine, 24, of 1284 Whipple Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with three warrant for receiving stolen property and credit card, a warrant for larceny and a warrant for breaking and entering nighttime felony.

Thursday, January 11

2:14 p.m. - Police picked up a prisoner with six warrants. Martin Crespo, 37, of 12 Albion St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operating motor vehicle with suspended license, a warrant for larceny from a person over 65, a warrant for larceny from a person, a warrant for receiving stolen credit card, and a warrant for operating motor vehicle with suspended license.

Friday, January 12

2:36 a.m. - Police stopped

at East Street and Livingston Street for the driver was bleeding. Back up required as well as an ambulance for a head injury. Police transported one to the station under protective custody.

5:59 a.m. - Police sent at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. John Faria, 33, of 33 Burdette Road in Dracut, was arrested and charged with two warrants for operating motor vehicle with suspended license.

10:56 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at East Street for unlicensed operation. Rony Lopez, 24, of 29 Grove St. in Lynn, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, and no inspection sticker.

12:23 p.m. - Geovany Lopez, 21, of 64 Murray St. in Lynn, was arrested and charged with a warrant for leaving the scene of an accident.

10:06 p.m. - An erratic driver was coming to Tewksbury Southbound. Police stopped the vehicle at Main Street and Pleasant Street. Susan Much, 51, of 101 Balsam Palace at Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with third offense of OUI, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

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Saturday, January 13

8:41 a.m. - The caller's mailbox was hit sometime last night at Brentwood Road. Officer sent and filed a report.

11:28 a.m. - The front desk at Motel 6 received a call from a male guest in room 133 claiming that he was inappropriately touched by a transgender male who walked into his room. Edward Dagraca, 27, of 9B Coakley Circle in Westford, was arrested and charged with a warrant for distribute class B drugs, a warrant for assault and battery household member, a warrant for assault and battery with dangerous weapon, misleading police officer and resist arrest.

8:14 p.m. - Loss Prevention of Wal-Mart requested assistance with a female shoplifter. Merlyn Fernandez, 36, of 27 Summit Ave. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

Sunday, January 14

7:11 p.m. - Caller reported barking dog at Pleasant Street. Caller gave directions. Police sent and the area was quiet once the police arrived.



Wilmington Police Log

Driver, passenger flee scene after accident

Monday, January 8:

6:21 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Lowell Street involving a Range Rover and a Dodge Durango. No one was injured in the collision.

6:47 a.m.: A Ford Fusion and a Honda Element were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Main Street and Mass Avenue. No one was injured. Police took one woman to her residence after the incident.

8:41 a.m.: A mailbox on Cedar Street was struck and damaged at some point since the previous Thursday.

8:54 a.m.: A truck took down a cable wire, leaving it in the middle of Wicks Circle. Police moved it to the side of the road and contacted the Department of Public Works.

12:46 p.m.: A Honda Civic ran into a snowbank on the side of Concord Street. The vehicle was back on the road without a tow.

6:14 p.m.: A Ford Super Duty and a Chevrolet Aveo were involved in a collision in Lowell Street. No injuries were reported.

6:54 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a BMW 330xi and a Mercury Sable occurred on Glen Road. No

injuries were reported.

Tuesday, January 9:

10:42 a.m.: Animal Control assisted a dog after it got out of a door at a business on Main Street and got stuck in a snowbank.

11:11 a.m.: Richard Valenti, 28, of 15 Crane Ave. in Peabody was arrested for tagging property on Federal Street. Valenti reportedly spray painted a salt shed with another male.

3:20 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Sienna and a Nissan Maxima occurred in the Starbucks parking lot on Main Street. A

Fire Department medical vehicle transported one party after the incident.

Wednesday, January 10:

9:01 a.m.: A firetruck struck a Jeep Liberty in the parking lot of Monogram Foods on Ballardvale Street.

12:12 p.m.: A Buick LeSabre was towed after a collision with a Mack truck at the Ballardvale Office Park.

5:54 p.m.: One party sustained a head injury after a collision on Lowell Street between a Nissan Altima and a Honda CR-V. Both vehicles were towed.

Thursday, January 11:

12:47 a.m.: A Verizon pole and a mailbox on Woburn Street were found seemingly damaged by a vehicle. Verizon was notified.

3:00 a.m.: The driver and passenger of a Honda Accord fled the scene and were later caught after a collision with a TT unit on Ballardvale Street. Ashley Marie Jones, 27, of 105 Hawthorne Way in Lawrence was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of property damage, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Another party was summonsed for possession of class C drugs. Wilmington Police chased the two using footprints in the snow and they were eventually caught by Andover Police on the town line.

10:46 a.m.: A Federal Street resident found that a Hyundai Elantra hit her recycling

bin and got stuck in a snowbank. When the resident found the vehicle, the driver was nowhere to be found; he turned out to have been picked up, and was getting a tow for the car.

6:03 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Nissan Altima and a Honda CR-V occurred at West Springfield Auto Parts on Lowell Street. No one was injured in the collision.

Friday, January 12:

11:32 a.m.: The Environmental Police were called in after six dead geese were found in the woodland along Parker Avenue. The geese showed no signs of blood and seemed to have been moved there.

1:37 p.m.: Roddy Luncford, 20, of 106 Midland St. in Lowell was arrested for possession of class A drugs.

2:45 p.m.: The rear window of an Acura MDX was smashed and a large black pocketbook was stolen from the vehicle. The vehicle had been parked at the Woburn Street School on Woburn Street.

6:58 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Chevrolet Cruze and a Honda Pilot. No one was injured in the collision. The Cruze was towed.

9:52 p.m.: A Toyota Scion hit a 35 mph speed limit sign hung on a pole on Shawshen Avenue. The car was towed and Reading Light was notified about the pole.

Saturday, January 13:

1:57 a.m.: Steven Murray, 46, of 244 Chestnut St. was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle. No one was injured in his collision at the intersection of Main Street and Burlington Avenue.

1:09 p.m.: A mailbox on Bruning Road was damaged by a vehicle.

Sunday, January 14:

11:53 a.m.: A Shawshen Avenue resident reported trash being discarded on her lawn on multiple occasions.

12:46 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Toyota Tundra and a Hyundai Sonata. The vehicles pulled into a parking lot afterwards to exchange information.

2:50 p.m.: A resident came to the police station to turn in a substance they believed to be heroin for destruction.

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▲ Don Rich, Kiwanis Board of Directors, Dennis McCarthy, Kiwanis Secretary, Bob Tadgell, Kiwanis member, Stu Neilson, Kiwanis Club of Wilmington President, and Karen West, Kiwanis Treasurer, accepted donations on Saturday at West Real Estate in Wilmington to benefit disaster victims in Puerto Rico.

(Paige Impink photo)

Kiwanis Club collects goods for Puerto Rico

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rolled the goods into its Disaster Relief Recovery Program.

The group, according to Neilson, has a presence in Puerto Rico, maintaining their own dock and truck drivers to get the materials right to people in need.

Neilson said that "once the goods are unloaded, the empty shipping container is used as a housing shelter."

Water, clothes, toys, linens, pots and pans and other essentials, including food that can be eaten right out of the can are needed. Rice, beans, cooking tools, flashlights, batteries, cleaning supplies, bedding, shoes, sandals, and other non-perishables are in demand.

Neilson explained that "San Juan is getting restored, but the countryside is still in a horrible condition with homes destroyed, roads gone, and electricity still not restored."

There is no work since businesses were destroyed which means no pay. Other

American locations impacted by hurricanes in the fall of 2017 include Texas by Harvey and Florida by Irma, not to discount California Tubbs's fire, benefit from being connected to the rest of the country by land and air. Puerto Rico lies over one thousand miles off the coast of Florida and therefore is only able to receive substantial aid by ocean vessel.

Wilmington resident Sandy Dodge stopped by the Kiwanis Donation Collection site in Wilmington on Saturday.

She said, "I feel so sad for the people in Puerto Rico and I am glad to help."

Dodge went on to say, "I just don't want them to be forgotten."

Neilson indicated that there will likely be another effort by the Kiwanis to address disaster need and encouraged those interested to keep an eye out for information in the Town Crier or to call him at 978-430-1652. Kiwanis also maintains a Facebook page as Kiwanis Club of Wilmington.



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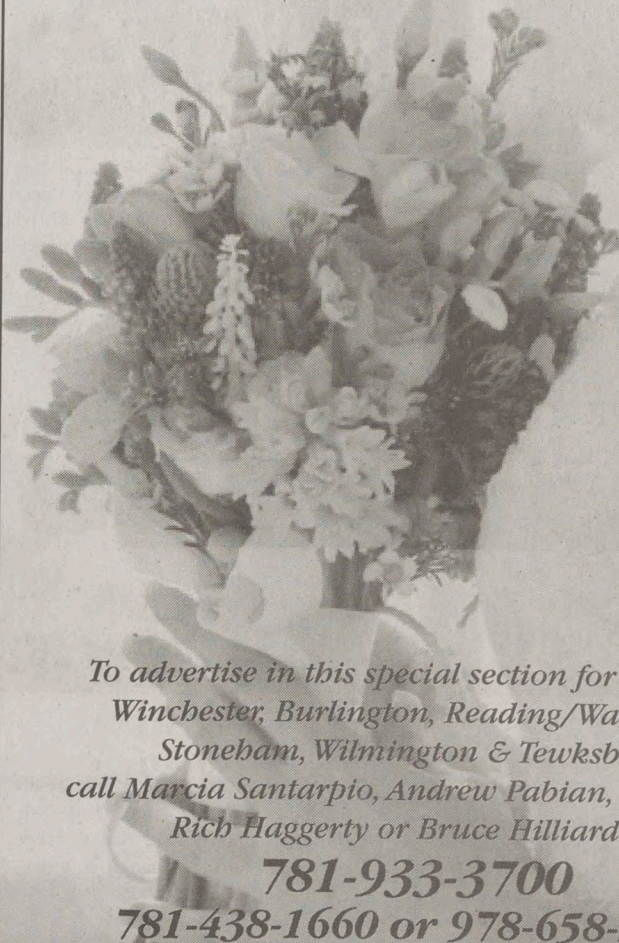
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Wilmington group pushes for more acceptance, diversity

FORUM FROM PAGE 1

remembered Labello.

She and Bryson began reaching out to other residents through word of mouth and the Facebook group, culminating in a first meeting in May 2017.

"I came not knowing any-

one. There were probably a good deal of people who came not knowing anyone in the group," said Lederman.

The group began by deciding how they would like to respond to the flyers promoting white nationalism. They looked at what neighboring towns were doing. At the

time, yard signs reading "Hate Has No Home Here" were gaining traction in the area. The group ultimately decided to promote, and invite residents to purchase, yard signs reading "No Matter Where You're From, You're Our Neighbor," citing the more positive tone of the

latter signs.

Organizers and participants have long-term aims for the group aside from the yard sign initiative, however. Over the course of the summer and fall of 2017, the group, which ranges from about 12-25 active participants per meeting, focused on getting to know one another and the reasons that inclined each member to participate. Comprised of both new Wilmington residents as well as those who have lived in the town for decades, the group collaboratively developed a mission and vision statement that they felt would set a tone and purpose for a broader community dialogue.

"To be intentional about and accountable for the advancement of equity, diversity, and inclusion. We strive to create a community feeling of inclusion because we believe that new ideas come from a diverse way of seeing things," reads the first portion of the group's vision statement.

The monthly meetings evolved to focus on one discussion topic per meeting. The recent protests by professional athletes of taking a knee during the national anthem to protest police violence against African-Americans is an example of a topic from a previous meeting. Creating a space to discuss topics that may be uncomfortable is a priority for the group.

"Social media is not always the most appropriate space to discuss topics like that," said Lederman.

Bryson said the group aims to move beyond discussion in the room toward cultivating participants' roles as change agents. She sees increased

engagement by a broad range of residents, as well as activities focused on building knowledge about social issues, as key drivers toward that aim.

"We're trying to make sure we start in a place that's going to lead to productive discussion," said Bryson, emphasizing the group's desire for civil and inclusive participation.

"When you are deliberately careful the way that it's approached, you have a better listening audience that's more receptive and willing to see another side to something," echoed Lederman.

Wilmington for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion's initial activities have supported their focus on education and building knowledge. Members share and discuss articles using the Facebook page or during meetings. In response to many participants' interests in talking with children about diversity and equity in an age-appropriate way, the group has collaborated with the Wilmington Memorial Library to identify and promote literature that addresses the topic, such as through books like "Malala's Magic Pencil" by Malala Yousafzai.

The group donated a basket of these books to the 2017 Festival of Trees sponsored by We're One Wilmington.

After the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, VA in August 2017, the group organized a peace vigil in Wilmington that included clergy from several faiths. Spreading the word about events that foster intercultural understanding taking place in neighboring towns and in Wilmington is another part of how the group contributes to dialogue.

Gandhi, founder/organizer of Friends of India Wilmington, and other Wilmington residents of Indian background, have been gathering for the past two years to celebrate Diwali as a community.

"This year, I asked Dayna and Jenn to come so they have an idea of some of the other functions happening in Wilmington and the number of other Indians we have here," said Gandhi.

Over time, the group would like to incorporate more sensitive topics into their meetings and initiatives, like mental health and substance abuse, immigration, refugee resettlement, and sexism.

"When you think of diversity the automatic tendency is to think of racial or religious and not the other angles of it. I think that's why those other topics [related to diversity] are avoided. Because it doesn't really come to mind," observed Gandhi.

For now, the group is focused on drawing in more voices and participation.

"One of our goals right now is to increase the number of participants at our in-person meetings," said Bryson.

Commenting on what residents can expect should they choose to participate in the group: "We're in a new phase and we're figuring it out," said Lederman.

To join the discussion, visit <http://bit.ly/2DG5CZN>, the Facebook page for Wilmington for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion or email wilmingtonedi@gmail.com.

The group's next monthly meeting is Sunday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at Panera Bread (228 Main St. in Wilmington). The topic for the meeting will be "What's in a name?"

Candidates gear up for election

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have to say. I'd like to be as transparent as possible and encourage people to reach out to me."

He mentioned that he'd bring to the selectmen a focus on affordable senior housing, economic development, and other local economy issues.

Robert G. Peterson Jr. is up for re-election for Town Moderator. This is a once-a-year position only necessary at the yearly Town Meeting.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my first term serving the people of Wilmington...getting three [meetings] under my belt...I feel I have fairly moderated," he shared.

Peterson's hopeful at the op-

portunity to continue to serve the town as he has for the past three years in this role.

Former Director of Physical Education James Gillis is looking to be re-elected for the Shawsheen Tech School Committee. Gillis has been volunteering, serving, and representing the town since he retired from director in 2004.

"We represent our students and athletes to provide them with the best education possible," he said. "We want to give them the tools that they need to go out into the workforce and be successful."

He aims to continue aiding the Tech as they complete their facilities updates, which are currently new softball fields. His is the only open


seat.

Robert C. DiPasquale runs for re-election for the only open seat on the Housing Authority. This board works for the town to continue to provide affordable housing to families and the elderly who are of low income. These are the properties of Deming Way and the 705 Family Housing Program.

DiPasquale stated, "I just want to stay the course and continue to do my part...to help ensure the best quality of life that we can give to the residents of Deming Way."

To be put on the ballot for the town election, all five of these residents and any more who continue to pull papers must return them with 50 signatures by March 9 at 5 p.m.

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Assistant Supt. breaks down MCAS scores

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Generation MCAS worked. The new system is scored on a scale from 440-560, with 500 considered the cutoff for meeting expectations.

Scores are broken down by subject, then further broken down by grade level. These breakdowns show Wilmington students at or slightly above the 500 cutoff in each subject area.

Gallagher expressed optimism regarding where the district is currently, but maintained that there is still a good deal of work to be done. He highlighted the benefits of being a small school district, and showed how the score breakdowns can be used to identify which specific students may need further intervention in order to, in the future, make the cutoff for the "meeting expectations category."

Gallagher also pointed out, in each specific grade level and subject area, that two subgroups are also plotted. One of these groups is students with disabilities, and the other is economically disadvantaged students. This allows the district a more specified look at groups that may need more extensive intervention.

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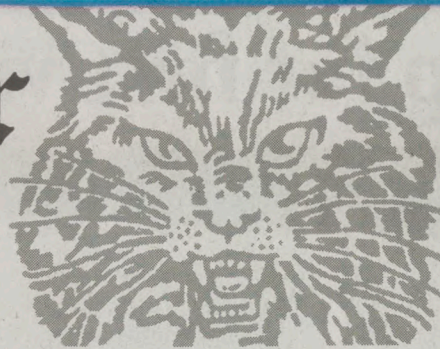
MJ Byrnes expressed concern that not enough consideration was given to nuanced variation in student understanding and learning styles, and that "... it may not be the child's ability to execute it, but the tool itself that inhibits them from showing that they have the knowledge and are able to think at that level."

She stated that she was unsure that the two subgroups given adequately encompassed all of this potential for variation.

Gallagher answered that, while the aggregate data is useful to the district in a general, overarching sense, the breakdown of the data, especially by educators who know the students personally, valuable insight into this variation will be readily available and useable. He also said that there would soon be the potential for a third subgroup, as the English Language Learners population continues to grow in Wilmington.

"This is where we're at right now, and now we build up from where we're at," said Gallagher, in reference to the new baseline data. "I think overall, we did pretty well."

The MCAS data discussed can be found on the Wilmington School Committee website.



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Shawsheen Tech wrestler wins his 100th match

Strow reaches the century mark

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It would be nice to think that Shawsheen Tech senior wrestler Tommy Strow was happy to get his 100th career victory out of the way early. He picked up the milestone victory in his first match of the day during the Rams quad meet on Saturday afternoon against Greater Lawrence, Reading and Wakefield at Wakefield High School, pinning his opponent from Greater Lawrence to get his day off to a great start.

It would indeed be a great story if that were the case, but the only problem is, the Wilmington native was not even aware heading into his 152 pound match that he was

Shawsheen get one hundred wins. It is a good program with good coaches so it produces good results."

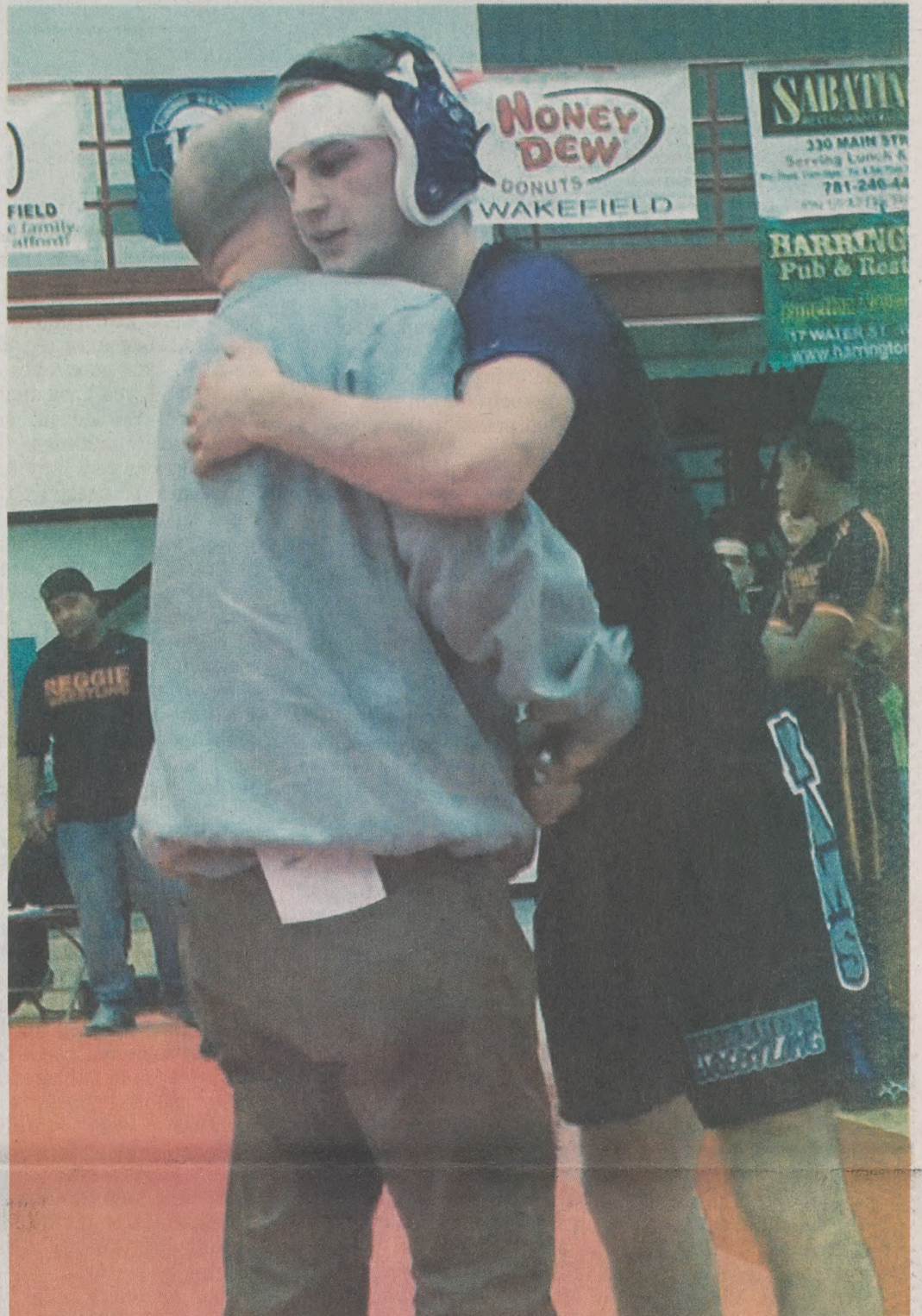
Others may disagree with the significance of the milestone, including Donovan, who is in his 33rd year as coach at Shawsheen. He has indeed seen many wrestlers earn 100 victories during his tenure, but he still sees it as a very special accomplishment.

"I think it is a great achievement for him, as it was for Cody," Donovan said. "Obviously they are both four-year starters, and they have worked very hard to get where they are. They have bought into the process, and are willing to do whatever it takes to be successful. It does make the

had a dual meet the next day against Lawrence, Strow wasted little time in heading to the hospital on Tuesday night where he got six stitches.

Sure enough he was on the mat on Wednesday against Lawrence, picking up career win number 99 in helping the Rams to victory before following it up with three more wins on Saturday. Sughrue refused to think he had done anything special by wrestling with the injury.

"It didn't really affect me that much," Strow said. "The only time I thought it would was in my match on Wednesday, when the bandage kept falling over my eyes and I was surprised the other guy didn't shoot while I was blinded by it. Other



Shawsheen Tech senior wrestler Tom Strow, left, of Wilmington, gets in position during one of his battles this season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com); Above he gets congratulated by head coach Mark Donovan after winning his 100th career match this past week.

(courtesy photo).

bled last year, up to 152 pounds.

"Tommy is a very smart kid. He is a National Honor Society student and we have probably only had eight or ten guys on the wrestling team that have done that," Donovan said. "He is one of the top leaders in our room. He moved up a weight class, and he has done a great job with that. He is what Shawsheen Tech wrestling is all about."

As much as Donovan appreciates Strow, the outstanding student also appreciates what the staff has done for him. Strow has listed WPI as his number one college choice, and he hopes to continue his wrestling career in college. If he is able to do so, he knows he will have the Shawsheen coach-

ing staff to thank for his success.

"They couldn't be more of an influence on me. They have been great," Strow said. "Coach Donovan puts toughness into everything we do in that room. He keeps pushing you harder and harder and getting the best out of you. Coach Caldwell and coach Pratt have also been great in helping with my technique."

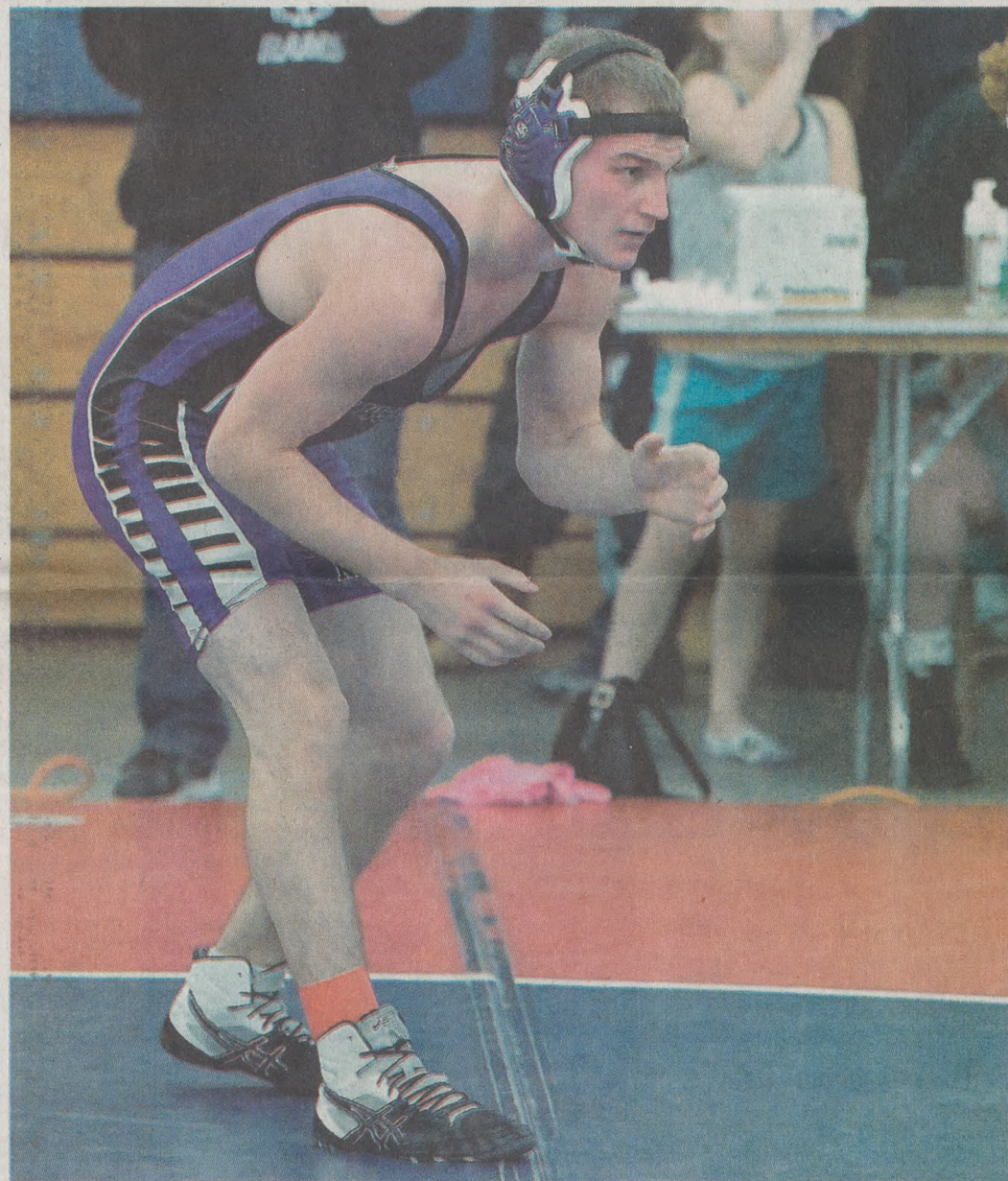
At least partially due to his great respect for his coaches, Strow actually appreciated the opportunity to move up to 152 pounds. While it was a good move for the team, Strow feels like it was a good move for him as well.

"It has been easier for me at 152," Strow said. "I am able to eat better, and keep my energy up. At 145 I felt

like I didn't have enough energy, so coach and I decided that I should move up, and since then I have been doing much better. It was definitely a good decision."

After finishing third at the Division 1 North Sectionals last season and fifth at the Division 1 state tournament, Strow is hoping that the move to 152 pounds will lead to even more success in the post season.

"I definitely feel like I can improve on my sectional placing, but of course it depends on who is in my section," Strow said. "My goal is always to finish first, but some kids are very tough. I am definitely looking to better in sectionals and states and also to place in All-States."



on the verge of making school history. Instead he approached the match in the same way he has approached every other match this season, and throughout his career, simply focusing on the opponent in front of him and doing whatever it takes to win.

"I didn't know I was that close, until afterwards when coach (Mark) Donovan came up to me and said, congratulations on getting your one hundredth win," Strow said. "I didn't really have time to let it sink in, but everyone was very excited for me."

"Even now (two days later) I don't know how much it has really affected me. I don't get caught up in that type of thing too much. It is a nice accomplishment before I graduate, but it is not something that I really focus on."

Having seen his teammate, senior captain Cody Sughrue of Tewksbury earn his 100th career victory the week before, Strow certainly could appreciate what it takes to accomplish the feat, but he downplayed the accomplishment as being more due to his being part of a great wrestling program at Shawsheen.

"I was very happy for Cody when he got his hundredth, but as far as the two of us doing it at the same time, it's not that big of a deal," Strow said. "A lot of wrestlers who come through

program look good to see a couple of kids reach one hundred wins but they deserve the credit for it."

Hard work has never been a problem for Strow, nor has overcoming adversity, which he did once again this week on his way to his 100th win. During Tuesday's practice Strow had taken an elbow to the head from one of his teammates, opening a cut above his eye. Knowing he

than that, the tape was kept in place by my headgear very well."

The mentally tough attitude that Strow brought to the mat this week has been on display throughout his season and career and Donovan has counted on his willingness to do whatever is best for the team, including making the move in the middle of this season from 145 pounds, where he had wres-

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Girls blank St. Joe's Prep for first victory of the season

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

WILMINGTON – Although it happened a little later than they had hoped or expected, the Wilmington High School girls' hockey team picked up its first win of the season on Monday afternoon, beating St. Joe's Prep, 6-0, in a non-league game played at the Ristuccia Arena.

With the win, the 'Cats are now 1-6-1 overall, and have a golden opportunity to pick up a few wins with games against Watertown, Arlington, Bishop Fenwick and Lexington coming up.

"It's good to get a first win," said head coach John LaPiana. "I'm particularly happy for the seniors and also happy for the girls who don't get to see the ice as often. They get a little bit of a feel today for what varsity hockey is like as they are a bit younger. And this win is a feel good thing for the entire team. It kind of brings the team together."

Wilmington stormed out to a 5-0 lead after the first period behind goals by Danielle Silva, the next two by Lauren D'Angelo, and then single tallies from Ida Bishop and Lia Kourkoutas.

Then in the second period, Jocelyn Palmer scored the team's sixth and final goal.

Kourkoutas also had three assists, while, Jillian Miele and Silva had two each, and Gina Bertolami and Antonia Brunetto had one each. Goalie Melanie Hayden

earned the shut out in the net.

Two days earlier, Wilmington was defeated by Stoneham, 3-0, in a Middlesex League Freedom Division contest also played at Ristuccia. The Spartans scored a power play goal just 2:26 into the game and led 1-0 after the first, before adding a second goal with 1:39 left in the second. The third goal came with 33 seconds left after Wilmington pulled Hayden for the extra skater.

"I couldn't ask for anything more from the girls in that game," said LaPiana. "They did everything we asked of them. Defensive zone coverage was right on and was great. We moved a lot of pucks to the net and we had more shots on net in that game than we have had in any other game. The girls did everything we asked but give credit to Stoneham. They held us off and they were able to capitalize on a few mistakes that we made, one being a penalty against us early on in the game. That put us in the hole."

"As far as the third goal goes, I wanted to show the girls that no matter what, we will play until the final whistle, so that was a little symbolic that we pulled the goalie with 30 seconds or whatever left. That was symbolic more than anything else."

Wilmington outshot Stoneham in the first and second periods but couldn't get anything past their out-



Wilmington High's Melanie Hayde has been busy between the pipes for the Girls' Hockey team this season including this dandy from the game held earlier this season against Woburn. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

standing goalie Kasey Libby. "We were disappointed in the loss because we felt like we had a real good week of practice but you know that's the game. You go out and play and sometimes the puck bounces your way and sometimes it doesn't. The effort and the attention to detail from the girls is really spot on. While we are climbing the ladder through the season, we're going to get our wins. We are going to be competitive."

"We are improving and the holes are getting smaller. I don't know what people see but I know what we see on the ice during practice and

in games and what we work on in practice and what carries over into games. We can see that we are getting closer. The thing is first we have to compete and then we have to win. We're competing so what's the next step? We're going to get a 'W'."

Wilmington will host Watertown (1-6-2) on Saturday at noon, before a match-up Tuesday night against Winchester (6-1-0) at the O'Brien Rink in Woburn.

GIRLS HOOP

The Wilmington High School girls' basketball team evened up its record to

4-4 with a convincing 49-26 victory in a Middlesex League Freedom Division road game over Stoneham on Friday night.

Freshman Kylie DuCharme had a monster game with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 9 steals. Senior Caroline Andersen had a nice night with 14 points and Bella Granara had 10 points. The trio combined to score 34 of the team's 49 points.

"I thought we moved the ball better tonight and executed pretty well offensively," said head coach Jessica Robinson. "It's always nice to get one in the win column

and move closer to qualifying for the post-season."

On Wednesday, Wilmington inched another step closer when they faced Notre Dame of Lawrence (Cristo Rey) with results not known as of presstime. The 'Cats won the first round match-up 53-9.

On Friday, the 'Cats will travel to Watertown and face a struggling Red Raiders team which has just one win. Then on Tuesday at 6 pm, the 'Cats will host Winchester, another team with a poor record at 1-8.

Wrestlers continue to peak at the right time of the season

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

NASHUA, NH – After placing in the top five as a team in back to back tournaments over the past few weeks, the Wilmington High Wrestling team looked to continue their success this past weekend, competing in the Paul Bellavance Hall of Fame Wrestling Tournament at Nashua North High School in Nashua, New Hampshire.

While the Wildcats could not pick up another top five finish, instead finishing ninth in the 17-team field, Wilmington coach Joel McKenna was still very pleased with how well his team performed against a field of outstanding teams.

"The level of competition at this tournament was vastly improved in its second year," McKenna said. "It was a great opportunity to see some of the better teams in from New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as Massachusetts, with Natick winning the tournament."

Top performers for the Wildcats included freshman Shane Penney, who was a runner up at 106 pounds, as

well as senior captain Pat Carroll, who took third at 152 pounds, while several other wrestlers won two matches on the day and came very close to placing as well.

For Penney, who lost by decision in the finals, the second place finish marked the continuation of what has been a very strong stretch, as he was also a runner up at last week's Cohasset Tournament after finishing fourth at the Framingham Holiday Tournament a couple of weeks ago.

"He is wrestling well and we are hoping that he can get a tournament win," McKenna said. "He has been running into some very good competition. He lost to a kid from Essex, Vermont in the finals who is one of the better wrestlers in all of Vermont. It was a good match for Shane, and he knows he has to push himself to get over the top."

"He knows he needs to work a little more on being able to go the full six minutes. That will be the next step in his development, and that is something we can work on with him."

Carroll suffered his lone loss of the day early in the tournament, but bounced back nicely to earn his third place finish, coming on the heels of a second place finish last week in Cohasset.

"He bounced back, and wrestled very well," McKenna said. "He beat a very good kid from Goffstown, New Hampshire. It was another quality win for him, and a very good day for him."

Other wrestlers with two wins on the day for the Wildcats included Jacob Bernard at 113, Joe Ganley at 120 and Alex Stearns at 126 pounds. John Cox at 145 pounds, Nick Kullman at 160

and Mike DeLucia at 220 pounds each won two matches as well, while Brendan Ross picked up one win at 195 pounds.

"This was definitely one of the toughest tournaments we have been in this year," McKenna said. "Maybe not quite as tough as our Sons of Italy Tournament, but it was right up there. It was great to face that kind of competition, and I think it also brought our boys back down to earth a little after two top five finishes."

"Seeing that kind of competition makes them even more hungry to get better. It shows us the level we need to be at and allows us to set

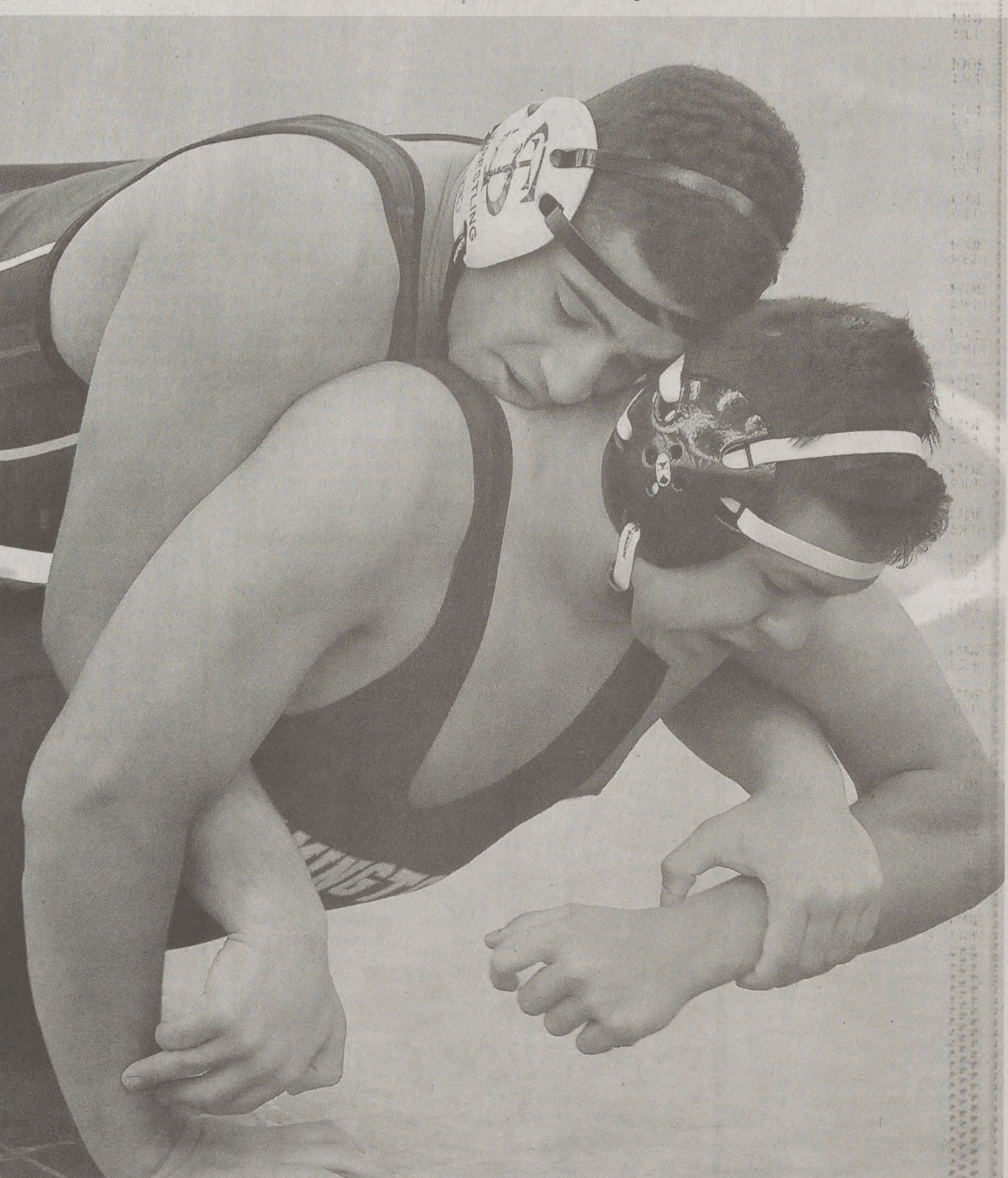
some goals over the last month and a half of the season. We need to work together and push each other as a team, which they have been doing a great job of so far."

Prior to the tournament, the Wildcats had picked up a big 46-23 Middlesex League Freedom Division win over Watertown on Wednesday night, their first league win of the season after going winless in the league last season.

"That was the start of a good week for us," McKenna said. "It was a league meet, so we wanted to go out there and do it the right way and the kids responded well."

The kids put on their hard hats and got the job done. Even the kids who did not win wrestled well. It was a great night, and I was happy for the kids to have that kind of success. Last year we did not get a league win, so it was great for us to get this one. There are no easy matches in the Middlesex League."

Winners for the Wildcats included Penney (106, pin), Ganley (120, 10-3 dec.), Stearns (126, pin), Ethan Karnesky (132, pin), John Cox (145, 13-11 dec.), Ryan Martin (152, pin), Pat Carroll (160, pin) and Nick Kullman (182, pin).



Wilmington High senior Mike DeLucia in action for the Wildcats Wrestling team during an earlier season match.

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Wildcats still searching for the complete game

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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WILMINGTON - At some point this season, the Wilmington High Boys Hockey team will put three solid periods together and play a complete game for coach Steve Scanlon, perhaps as soon as Wednesday night when they take on arch rival Tewksbury. But until that time, the Wildcats are proving to be a source of frustration for Scanlon, showing immense moments of promise at times, while making some uncharacteristic mistakes at other times.

That inconsistency proved to be the case once again on Saturday afternoon when the Wildcats hosted Stoneham in a Middlesex League showdown at Ristuccia Arena, with the Wildcats falling by a score of 3-1, dropping their record on the season to 3-4 overall at the time and 2-4 in the Middlesex League.

The Wildcats played well at times against the Spartans, one of the better teams in the Middlesex League this season, but they were done in by a poor stretch of play in the second period when they gave up two quick goals early in the frame, and fell into a 3-0 hole heading into the third period.

"I thought we played a pretty good period one, but after that I thought we got outworked," Scanlon said. "We are still searching for a three-period game. We haven't played one yet this year. We usually have a slow start or a slow finish, or a combination of the two, and that was the case again today. We got off to a good start, but we couldn't sustain it."

The Wildcats good start included a first period where they outshot the Spartans 8-

2, controlling territorial play and creating better offensive opportunities than their opponents. The best of the opportunities came with 8:24 left in the period when they had what appeared to be the first goal of the game waived off due to the net being dislodged.

Scanlon was clearly frustrated by the denied goal. While his team's inconsistent play has frustrated him, bad breaks have also plagued the Wildcats. He was also frustrated by what would become a pattern throughout the game of the Stoneham goalie dislodging the net. The Wildcats were eventually awarded a penalty shot in the final seconds of the game for just such an infraction, but the lack of a penalty call on the disallowed goal clearly frustrated Scanlon.

"He was doing it all night," Scanlon said. "They finally called it at the end, but that is another situation where we don't get any breaks. If that is a goal, we have a lead right there and that can change things."

Wilmington junior Ryan Barrett nearly gave the Wildcats the lead anyway, with an end to end rush in the final minute of the period, but he was denied, and the teams went to the first intermission tied at 0-0.

It didn't take the Spartans long to take the lead in the second period, when Nick Feliciano scored with 13:21 left in the period. Less than a minute later, with 12:29 left in the period when AJ Sousa scored off a faceoff, his shot deflecting off a Wildcats player in front and fluttering into the top corner of the Wilmington net, eluding the reach of goalie Ryan St. Jean, making the score 2-0.

"We don't get any breaks. You saw it on the second

goal, the puck just isn't bouncing our way," Scanlon said. "That's tough because it totally changes the game from a one goal game to a two goal game and it is not an earned goal. It just hits somebody's stick and flutters over the goalie. We don't seem to get those kinds of breaks. But on the other hand, I think you can make some breaks like that by hustling by outworking the other team. The team that works the hardest usually gets the breaks."

The Wildcats got another tough break when nearly got on the board with a little over five minutes left in the period when senior captain Thomas Worab hit the post, but moments later Stoneham instead extended their lead to 3-0 on a goal by Joe Carroll with 4:29 left in the frame.

Bad breaks aside, Scanlon was still searching for answers as to how to get his team to get off to a better start from one period to the next.

"All we can do is keep on them. When you are pulling pucks out of the net like that, bang-bang to open the period, it makes it hard to win," Scanlon said. "In our league especially, chasing the game is hard to do. We need to have better mental focus to start the period, and a lot of that has to come from within the players. You have to be ready to play."

The Wildcats did finally get on the board late in the third period, when Barrett scored an unassisted goal, stealing the puck at the Stoneham blue line and ripping a wrist shot into the top right corner to make the score 3-1 with 5:23 left in the game.

The Wildcats had one more chance to score, with the



Wilmington High junior forward Ryan Barrett tries to keep control of the puck during an earlier season varsity hockey game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

aforementioned penalty shot by Barrett, coming with four seconds left, but he was denied, sending the Wildcats down to defeat.

The Wildcats were back in action on Monday night taking on Malden Catholic in the Middlesex vs. Catholics shootout, dropping a tough 2-0 decision in a game that

did not count in the standings for Wilmington. Looking ahead to the game after Saturday's loss, Scanlon had expressed hope that regardless of the outcome, the contest would help his team in preparation for their showdown with Tewksbury on Wednesday night.

"We are hoping the pace of Monday's game will help us on Wednesday," Scanlon said. "But Tewksbury is a hard working team, and if you are not willing to match their work ethic, you are going to have a tough time against them."

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'Cats get Chased down by Spartans

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON -- They certainly let one slip through their fingers.

On Friday night, the Wilmington High School boys' basketball played host to a winless Stoneham squad. The Spartans entered the Cushing Memorial Gymnasium with an 0-7 overall record and had lost those seven games by an average of 20 points. The Wildcats on the other hand were 2-6 and desperately needed a win for not only morale reasons, but it would inch the team closer to the four wins needed against D3 opponents in order to qualify for the state tournament.

In a very competitive and entertaining game, which also featured some poor officiating, Stoneham sophomore DeShawn Chase proved to be too much for the Wildcats as he poured in a game high 33 points as Stoneham prevailed 61-56.

Wilmington trailed by five points after the first, only to play a terrific second quarter, including starting it out on an 8-0 run and ended the half up by four. The lead was three with 1:34 to go in the third before Stoneham would outscore Wilmington 12-0 to go up by nine. After back-to-back baskets by Joey Ribeiro cut it down to four with 5:30 to go, Stoneham went back up by nine with 2:52 left. Wilmington was able to cut it down to two points just 40 seconds later on baskets by Danny Gracia, Smith and Chris Stokes on a three-point play, but that was as close as the 'Cats came to a Middlesex League Freedom Division victory.

"We had a couple of good days at practice (leading up to this game)," said head coach Dennis Ingram. "I think we have a high compete level, it's just situation-

al stuff. You have two guys who pay attention and three guys who don't or you have four guys paying attention and one that doesn't. You can't play like and survive in this league. You have to be on your game the whole time, all 32 minutes. You can't afford these mental lapses. That's what happens in every game. You can point out a piece of time as a unit, where we had two guys taking a play off, or times when we weren't boxing out. I'll look at the stats when I get home but they must have taken 25 more shots than us and that's the only on offensive rebounding which is in my opinion, is (lack of) toughness and (other teams) wanting it more. We talk a lot about it and we have a lot of multi-sport athletes on the team all week long we used the term 50-50 ball and basketball is the same way. When that ball is up in the air, it's just who wants it more. I'm so sick and tired of people staring at the ball and expecting Danny Gracia to go get it. The kid can't do everything and somebody has to go in and help him out. It's frustrating."

Wilmington did a terrific job of rebounding at both ends of the court in the first half ending with 20 compared to just nine in the second half. The other glaring stat was Stoneham went to the free throw line 28 times compared to just nine for Wilmington. However, poor officiating aside, Wilmington had ample opportunities to win this game, but inconsistencies across the board - effort, teamwork and execution prevented that from happening.

There were times Wilmington played very well and times the team played very poorly.

"That statement summarizes this team to date," said Ingram. "That's not to

say that is how it has to be moving forward but that summarizes us right now. There's spells where we look good and there's spells where we look like we completely, completely stopped playing."

Heading into the game, Ingram knew that Wilmington had to stop both Chase, as well as Tre Pignone, who along with Tyler Roberts were named the Middlesex League Freedom Division co-MVP's in football this past fall. Pignone was held to seven points in the game, including just three in the first half, but Chase was a handful to say the least. He buried a jump shot, scored on a lay-up off a turnover and connected on back-to-back three-pointers in a span of 1:15 to give him 11 points through the first quarter alone. That's when Wilmington made an adjustment.

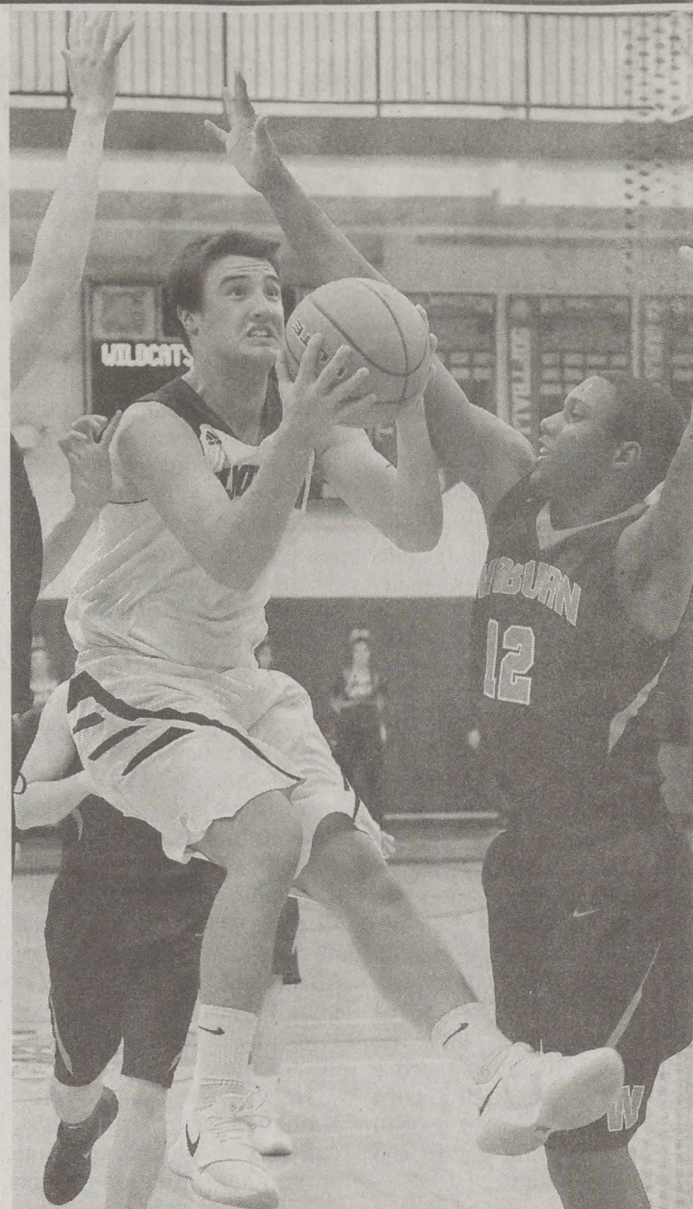
"We knew that they had Pignone and Chase and they are their two main guys," said Ingram. "We wanted to start out playing man-to-man and see how it went. We know that we have one guy who is incredibly quick and incredibly agile in Graham Smith. He can make up for a lot of stuff and we know that we have that in our back pocket. But going to it in the second quarter is asking a lot. You're asking someone to go 24 minutes guarding someone full-court man-to-man. That's a very difficult task for anybody. Graham did a good job on him but it's tough for a team to have to do that. After the first quarter, we just didn't have a good feeling and we wanted to do something to take control of the game and that's what we went with. It all hands on-deck for this game. We needed this (win) - it was more than important for us."

Wilmington started the

second quarter on fire. Gracia (23 points) started the run off converting on a three-point play, first with a drive and burying the freebie. Six seconds later he converted on a three-point and 28 seconds after that, Billy McEvoy put home a basket on his second put-back attempt. McEvoy made two more baskets and the 'Cats took a five-point deficit and pushed it to a three-point lead with just under four minutes to go in the half. Although he didn't score a point during that stretch, Chris Stokes came off the bench and supplied terrific energy and defense.

"Definitely, without a doubt (he did)," said Ingram. "Stokes gives us a little bit of that toughness. The thing is we're asking him to play like a big and cover their biggest guy. Chris is an athletic kid but again we're asking him to do more than he is capable of but looking down the line (of our roster), we don't have any size. I thought he gave us some good minutes tonight. I think we may have extended him more tonight than he originally thought because of the fouls and because of what he was giving us defensively. He was part of the run in the end of the second quarter and he was also a part of the one in the third quarter. A great way to get minutes (in a game) is busting your tail and getting rebounds and that's kind of what Stokes is doing right now. I can't watch other people watch the ball (and not go and get it). I don't care how talented you are offensively, but that's a tough way to play."

Stoneham re-took a short one point lead with 1:17 left in the half before Stephen Anthony nailed a 12-foot jump shot before Gracia drained a three-pointer giving the 'Cats a 29-25 half-



Wilmington High senior Chris Grecco makes a move while driving to the net during the 'Cats earlier season game against Woburn. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

time lead.

Chase then took over the game. He scored all but two of the team's first ten points and helped Stoneham take a slim 35-34 lead with 4:06 left in the third. Wilmington got back in the game thanks to strong play from Ribeiro, who scored nine of the team's next eleven points coming on a drive, two short jumpers and a three-pointer. His last basket came with 5:30 left and the 'Cats down by four.

"Joe gives us a lot of good things but what we're looking for out of him in consistency. He will be involved - he had a couple of nice drives to the hoop and then

it's almost like he says (to himself) 'OK it's time for someone else to take a turn' instead of having that killer instinct," said Ingram.

Stoneham then closed out the final five minutes connecting on one field goal and making 6-of-12 free throws, including three in the final 15 seconds after Gracia's drive with 21 seconds left cut it to a two-point game.

Gracia led Wilmington with 23 points with Ribeiro and McEvoy finishing with 11 each. Chase had 33, with Evan Cann also in double figures with 12.



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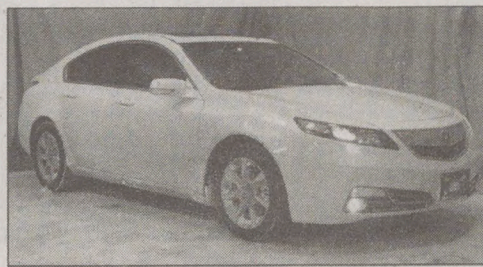
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Allie Jordan (left) and Lailoo Perriello (right) compete in their distance event for the WHS Girls Track team during an earlier season meet. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Melrose handles Wildcats easily

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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Last Tuesday night, the Wilmington High School girls' indoor track-and-field team completed its regular season with a 56.5-34.5 loss to Melrose. That loss ends the team's league record at 2-3.

"Melrose is a well-rounded team with strong performers in just about every event," said head coach Brian Schell. "Despite the end score we could have made it

a bit close. Knowing how tough they were I was able to continue to put a few in new events and continue training those different aspects needed. It helped a lot as we had more personal records and even trained through this meet gearing for (this weekend's state relay meet)."

Schell highlighted two top performances of the meet including a first place finish by the 4x400 relay team and a second place finish by Juliana Patrone in the high jump. The relay team con-

sisted of Julia McLaughlin, Emma Garrity, Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo and Alexcia Luna. They ran a combined time of 4:16.4.

"The relay team stepped up big for themselves and is a good start going into our next meet at the state relays," said Schell. "Breaking 4:20 is the first step and all four looked strong. Julia lead off getting out hard as we talked about even getting slightly tripped

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A few tips to help keep you injury free this ski season

By GREG CROSSMAN
Guest Columnist

With all the snow we've had so far this winter, it's shaping up to be a great ski season. Once these freezing cold temperatures clear, lots of folks will be eager to head for the slopes. Every year, I see patients in physical therapy who have suffered ski related injury. You can help reduce the likelihood that you will be one of those who suffer a ski related injury this season with a few tips that will help you stay healthy and have fun on the slopes.

Exercise. Skiing can be very strenuous, so preparing your body with some regular exercise can be helpful. Simple body weight squats, step ups or lunges are a good place to start. Always think about the alignment of your legs when doing these exercises. Keeping your toe, knee and hip in line as you squat or lunge will help reduce your likelihood of injury, particularly knee injury.

Core work is also important. Planks are a great way to work core strength and stability. Biking is also helpful as it develops leg strength and builds endurance.

Proper equipment and technique. Be sure that you have the right size skis and that your bindings are set at the right tension (also known as DIN). Your local ski shop tech (or, if you're renting skis, a tech at the mountain) should help with this.

It's often a good idea to take a lesson too. Ski schools usually offer refreshers, quick one hour group classes, which are affordable and helpful if you haven't been on skis for



a while.

Fatigue. Fatigue is a major contributor to injuries in all sports and it's particularly problematic during the dreaded "last run" in skiing. Injuries on

the last run are so prevalent that, often, skiers won't even say the words "last run" because they think it's bad luck.

There are a few reasons for increased injuries at the end of the day. You are tired which leads to increased injury risk, ski conditions tend to be worse (especially in the east where it tends to get icy), and other skiers are tired so there is increased risk of collisions. Be extra careful at the end of your ski day.

There is nothing better than spending a day on the slopes. These simple tips can help reduce the likelihood of injury and keep you carving turns all day long. Have a fun and healthy ski season this year!

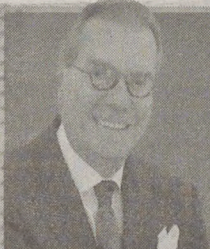
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Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 5, 2018, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 2, 2018.

Michael L. Champoux,
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PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 6, 2018 at 7:40 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #18-01, submitted January 11, 2018, prepared by Lyndra Kepuska, Spectrum Marketing Companies, 95 Eddy Road, Manchester, NH 03102. Said property is located at 335-337 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 42 Parcel 24. The proposed project includes an additional 2'-5" x 10'-7" wall sign on the side of the building.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino,
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BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 25, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Michael Piro** for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for side setbacks to construct a 22' x 20' addition with a 4' x 2'-10" bump-out as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **41 Johnson Road**, Assessor's Map 18, Lot 69, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on www.masspublicnotices.org.

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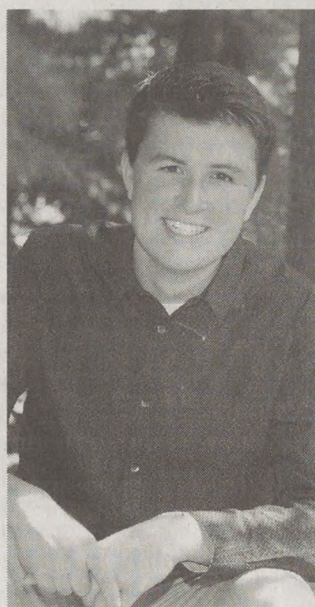
Bresnahan and DiMeco enjoyed their hockey days

This is a fourth in a series of articles celebrating Wilmington Youth Hockey's graduating class of seniors. This year, WYH will graduate 13 boys from the organization. We, in the organization, are proud of our seniors. Many years ago, the boys were given a jersey with a "W" on the chest and they leave youth hockey with a "W" on their chest. Some would never leave and others took many travels but in the end they finished representing Wilmington because they started a Wildcat and will always be a Wildcat.

This year, Wilmington Youth Hockey will graduate Ryan St Jean, Bobby Lord, AJ McKearney, Micheal DuCharme, Jarred Aucoin, Calvin Stafford, Steve Bowker, Nate DeMico, Max Shapiro, Tom Worob, Joey Mirabella, Tom Robarge and Dylan Bresnahan.

This week's edition: Dylan Bresnahan and Nate DiMeco

Dylan Bresnahan



DYLAN BRESNAHAN

There are many "laid back" people in this world and then there is Dylan Bresnahan. Dylan is as "chill" as they come. The always likeable Dylan greets all with a smile and a carefree demeanor that can be nothing but engaging. The gentle giant's pleasant demeanor is a constant whether on the ice, football field, the locker room or in the hallways of the high school.

Dylan is a good lumbering defenseman that is expecting big things playing varsity hockey this year. Dylan gives offensive spark and a hard-nosed defenseman. Dylan does not go around the rink looking to hit people but is strong as an ox when he does. Dylan can often create offense because he gets off a accurate low driving slap shot that helps produce tips and rebounds.

Dylan got his start in Wilmington Youth Hockey at the age of three pushing a milk crates at Ristuccia. Scott Stafford helped teach Dylan how to skate through the Learn to Skate and Buzzer programs.

Dylan then started playing mites and squirts getting influenced to love hockey by coaches Joe Kippenberger, Jay Barrett and John Robarge. Those previously mentioned coaching Dad's were the foundation of WYH and the same names are remembering fondly by nearly all the bio's of the graduating seniors.

Dylan loved his days as a youth going to tournaments with the same Wilmington friends he has today. Dylan finished the WYH career in grand fashion winning the U18 State Championship for the midget team.

Dylan earned coach admiration when as a lifetime defenseman he not only volunteered to fill a need at forward but he did it with a nonchalant smile and excitement. When he played the game at forward, he did so with impact by getting an assist and creating havoc in front of the net with his large body. In the other games, he played his best defensive brand

hockey as it was needed against the competition.

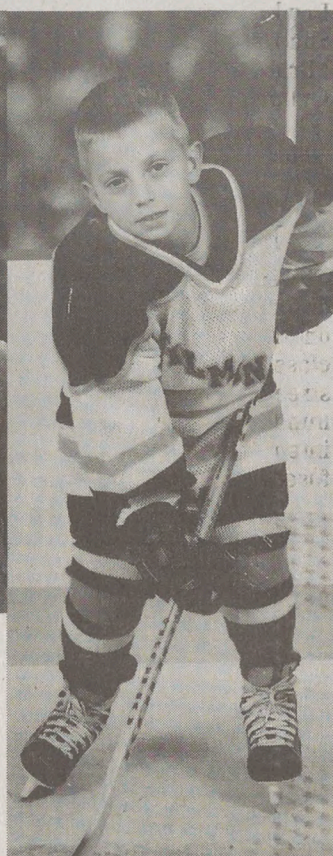
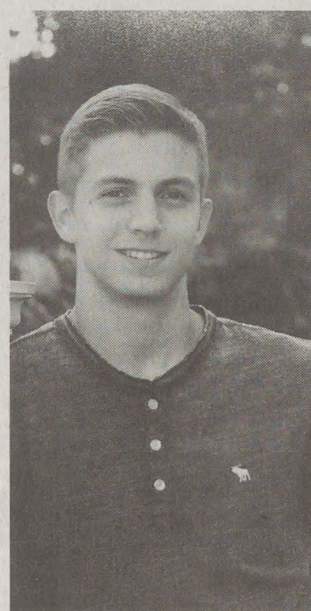
Dylan is not only a hockey player; he is a multi-sport athlete that may perform best in the classroom of the Wilmington High School.

This fall, Dylan had a tremendous year for the Wildcat's 8-3 football team. He played a rugged brand of defensive end and defensive tackle. He lived the lineman's dream of scoring a touchdown. The stands of the high school erupted when a punt was blocked, the ball popped into the air, landing into the arms of Dylan as he rumbled and stumbled down the field and into the end zone for a touchdown. In the spring, Dylan will play baseball for the Wildcat team with high expectations of success.

As mentioned, Dylan is an excellent student; he had received the Presidential Scholarship to Roger Williams. He also awaits word from UNH, UMass and UConn. Whichever school Dylan decides to enter, they will be getting a budding star in the field of business.

Wilmington Youth Hockey enjoyed having Dylan as much as he enjoyed having youth hockey in his childhood.

Nate DiMeco



NATE DIMECO

Nate DiMeco finished his Wilmington Youth Hockey is the grandest of styles by contributing four goals to the Wildcats State Championship run of 2017. When the 'Cats needed him the most, Nate stood the tallest despite his actual height stature. Nate has taken his play of the State Tournament into the high school season. He wrapped up a solid footing into the regular Coach Steve Scanlon's rotation. DiMeco earned his status with his play. The past season, Nate has truly combined all his skills and is having a great senior season.

Nate is a great kid with an easy going disposition. No matter the day, Nate will always greet you with respect and a great smile. As a coach, I've seen the diminutive scrapper come back to the bench after taking a big hit, and thinking he would never return to the game. No matter the pain, Nate would grimace and say, "Next shift Coach, I'll be good". Nate is also a gifted player. He sees the ice very well, stickhandles, passes and a good shooter. There are really no flaws to his game, he a complete player.

Nate is most importantly a complete student/athlete. Nate's education studies are taken very seriously, and his attention to classroom has looking at the finest institutions of New England. He has already applied and receive early acceptance at UMass Amherst, UNH and Stonehill and is awaiting responses from Brandeis, Holy Cross and WPI before making a final decision. Nate will studying Biology and trying to earn a spot into a Pre-Med program.

Nate's parent's Pia and Mario are so very proud to have watched Nathan skate as such a young hockey talent in Wilmington Youth Hockey and grow into the man he is today. The memories of his bonded friendships and teammates will outlast the memories of all the games and tournament victories.

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 002726

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Kathryn G. Larry
Eileen A. Larry

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §3901 et seq.:

The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Nationstar Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-A

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Tewksbury, numbered 71 Marston Street, given by Kathryn G. Larry and Eileen A. Larry to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, dated October 26, 2006, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20736, Page 30, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **FEB 12 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on DEC 27 2017.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
180042 1/17/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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SUPERIOR COURT
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MIDDLESEX, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT

No. 2018-0006

To: Susan L. Horn a/k/a Susan L. Ciampo, Kevin C. Ciampo and Scott D. Matheson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carl C. Ciampo, III,

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act.

Winchester Cooperative Bank claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Tewksbury, numbered 1 Charme Road given by Carl C. Ciampo, III and Susan L. Ciampo to Winchester Cooperative Bank, dated August 30, 2002, filed with the Middlesex Northern Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 206383,

has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise

of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Woburn on or before February 26, 2018 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, JUDITH FABRICANT, Chief Justice of said Court, at Woburn on the 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

MICHAELA SULLIVAN,
CLERK
180056 1/17/18

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S
NOTICE OF
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Ronald A. Mondt and Allison R. Mondt aka Allison Mondt to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, dated December 10, 2004 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 18233, Page 147 subsequently assigned to Option One Mortgage Corporation by H&R Block Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 21882, Page 283, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-OPT1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-OPT1 by Sand Canyon Corporation fka Option One Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 26670, Page 107 and subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for MASTR

Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-OPT1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-OPT1 by Sand Canyon Corporation fka Option One Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 31365, Page 80; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 24, 2018 at 21 Burt Road, Wilmington, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Land referred to in this commitment is described as all that certain property situated in Wilmington in the County of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts and being described in a Deed dated 12/13/01 and recorded 12/13/01 in Book 12488 Page 314, among the Land Records of the County and State set forth above, and referenced as follows: Lot: 237-241 Block: The land in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon now being numbered as 21 Burt Road, and being Lots Numbered 237,

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TERMS OF SALE:
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17 SM 009856

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Linda A. Oliveria a/k/a Linda Oliveria, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard L. Johnston a/k/a Richard Lawrence Johnston Joanne Johnston Lawrence Johnston Donna Perry Cheryl Reese

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §3901 et seq.:

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Tewksbury, numbered 40 Cynthia Road, given by Richard L. Johnston and Barbara A. Johnston to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation

that is acting solely as nominee for GMAC Mortgage Corporation, "Lender"; and its successors and assigns, dated October 3, 2003, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16350, Page 206, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **FEB 12 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on DEC 28 2017.

Attest:
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 007254

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Catherine E. Rollins
AKA Catherine Rollins,
AKA Catherine E.
Collins; David W.
Rollins AKA David
Rollins

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WFHE4, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WFHE4

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Tewksbury, numbered 215 Maple Street, given by David W. Rollins and Catherine E.

Rollins to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated August 23, 2006, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20447, Page 1, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on December 27, 2017

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Part 5 of Wilmington Youth Hockey Profile Series

Robarge and Worob known for their intensity on the ice

This is a fifth in a series of articles celebrating Wilmington Youth Hockey's graduating class of seniors. This year, WYH will graduate 13 boys from the organization. We, in the organization, are proud of our seniors. Many, many years ago, the boys were given a jersey with a "W" on the chest and they leave youth hockey with a "W" on their chest. Some would never leave and others took many travels but in the end they finished representing Wilmington because they started a Wildcat and will always be a Wildcat.

This year, Wilmington Youth Hockey will graduate Ryan St Jean, Bobby Lord, AJ McKearney, Micheal DuCharme, Jarred Aucoin, Calvin Stafford, Steve Bowker, Nate DeMico, Max Shapiro, Tom Worob, Joey Mirabella, Tom Robarge and Dylan Bresnahan.

This week's edition: Tom Robarge and Tom Worob

TOM ROBARGE

Intensity. Whether describing Tommy Robarge on the field, on the ice, in class or walking down the street one word comes to mind...Intensity. Tommy's intensity is not to be confused; he is a good friend,



TOMMY ROBARGE



good son, respectful or may even be smiling on the inside. Tommy does everything with a sense of purpose and seriousness. The popular shirt or photos called "the many faces of Bill Belichick" would apply to Tommy in the same exact way. Win, lose, draw or "A", "B" or "C", the face of Tom is the same.

With that intensity of Tommy, he has grit in everything he does. On the football field, Tom is a thunderous hitter on defense. You may catch the pass in front of cornerback Robarge, but you may want to catch it and go down because you're about to get hit.

On offense, Tom is your most trusted receiver to catch a ball in traffic. On the ice, Tom is a hammering defensive defenseman. He has always been a blueliner; Tom never sought the glory of goal scoring at forward. Tommy just naturally gravi-

tated to defense. He is strong on the puck and never one to make a glaring mistake.

Early in the football season during one of the scrimmages, Tom made one greatest catches ever seen. He caught a ball over the middle, arms completely out stretched, and the ball on his fingertips, while being upended with a big hit, doing a full flip to the ground. It was dangerous, it was scary and it was amazing.

A couple of days later on the ice at hockey practice, the marveling hockey coach that was at the football game had to grab Tommy in line for the drill. "Tommy, what a catch. That was amazing..." In typical Tommy form, he gave an ever so slight smile, head nod, quiet thank you and turned around. "No, no Tom. I can't believe you held on to it. That should be on ESPN", another head nod and slight smile. He was done celebrating, time to do his hockey drill.

Intensity. Tommy would join Wilmington Youth Hockey after he learned to skate on Dad's home-made rink in the backyard. Tommy was five-years-old skated by mimicking his sister Danielle and her friends. The girls would skate the rink and young Tom would watch their legs copying their movements.

Wilmington Youth Hockey would give Tommy great coaching through the years. WYHA coaching tree of Jay Barrett, Joe Kippenberger, Joe Aucoin, Sean Benoit helped Tommy build the tools and skills to be a varsity hockey player. Most important, Tommy was coached for many years by his Dad John. Tom will always remember the time Dad spent with him on the ice and on the bench.

WYHA gave Tommy some of his favorite childhood times winning many tournaments and spending weekends with friends with fun tourney adventures.

Wilmington Youth Hockey is proud to watch Tommy have great year with WHS varsity team. Tommy is also a rare three-sport athlete as when the hockey season concludes, he will be playing his senior season of lacrosse for Wilmington. As if being a three-sport athlete was not enough, you could also find him working hard for a dollar detailing cars and having fun dirt biking and snowmobiling.

Tommy Robarge is one of the most supported athletes at WHS. The Robarge family is Wilmington through and through. The large family is always in the stands in watching every movement. Father John coached for many years. Mother Julie can be seen at every game along the boards or on the sidelines, as she donates herself as the photographer of the teams. There hasn't been a game played when at least one of Tommy's sisters Jackie, Danielle or Meghan were not in attendance. Add in the always present grandparents and Uncle Bob, Tommy has his own fan club. Uncle Bob and Grandpa Sonny's presence until their last days will never be forgotten by Tom.

Thank you to Tommy Robarge for being a part of Wilmington Youth Hockey.

TOM WOROB

If there one person that can duplicate the intensity of Tommy Robarge, it's Tommy Worob.

Parents will say they don't have favorite kids, coaches will not. Tom Worob is a coach favorite. Tom is a man a few words but no player is more influential to his team. During the Wilmington Youth Hockey's U18 team's run to winning the State title, much was expected of Tom and much was put on his shoulders.

Multiple times, Tom would be pulled aside before a big game, or an important time of a game and was told the team "needed" him. He fully embraced the challenge and without ever a cocky feel to him, he understands his importance.

On playoff Sunday of the State Title day, before each game Tom was told, "The team goes as you go. You set the tone. On the very first shift, I need everything out of you." Other players feed off of Tommy's play, he if a gifted playmaker and goal scorer but it's the intensity and energy of his game that teammates feed off of. When Tommy is hitting everything that moves, back checking, and forechecking with relentless effort, the rest of the team follows. Of course, sometimes the intensity boils over into trips to the penalty box but secretly most coaches didn't mind.

Unless Tommy is a baseball historian, he will never understand this next reference but it always comes to the coach's mind when relating Tom's impact on the team. Tom Worob is "the straw that stirs the drink" for the Wilmington Wildcats. Just like Reggie Jackson stated when speaking of himself and the 1977 Yankees.

Tommy came to Wilmington Youth Hockey at the age of 5. He first learned to skate with Scott Stafford's instruction during Learn to Play. It did not take him long to blossom as a hockey player with the coaching of Joe Kippenberger, Jay Barrett, John Robarge and Sean Benoit. So many great childhood memories go back to Wilmington Youth Hockey where Tom formed his bonded friendships with teammates. He loved the tournament play and the fun times spent in locker rooms or hotels.

Tom is now in the midst of a great varsity season for WHS. At five years old Tom joined WYH and Scott Stafford would try to keep him upright on skates. At 17 years old, Tom would hold the State Championship banner for WYH. Now, WYH can watch Tom captain WHS in his last season.

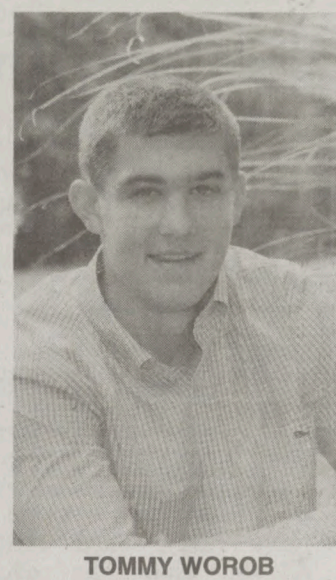
Tom is no doubt thankful to his parents Chris and Jean Marie for all their support through his hockey career. Parents will sacrifice a great deal of precious time and energy to advance the youth hockey careers of their children, time and energy that will never be regretted.

In the spring, Tom will be manning left field for the Wildcats. Like a Tom Worob hit along the boards at the rink, the hits off his bat come with high impact as well. A swing of anger and the whistling of a baseball, that's the Tom Worob game.

Last year was hugely successful for the Wildcat baseball team and with the majority of the team coming back big things are expected this year.

Tom is not only a big success of the ice and field; he is most importantly a big success in the classroom. Always a strong student athlete, Tommy will be attending Providence College in the fall to major in Business.

Wilmington Youth Hockey wishes all the luck in the world to Tom Worob and thanks him for make Wilmington Youth Hockey is big part of his life.



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Girls Track team defeated by Melrose

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up. Emma progressed quickly and held on strong for her leg. Evy continued the pace getting out hard and ran solid split with the closest team (about) thirty meters behind. Luna looked smooth, relaxed and strong all in one and continued to open the distance.

Patrone cleared 4-foot-8 and has continued to drastically improve each week.

"Two meets in a row now she has managed to match her best height since last summer," said Schell. "This is a good sign of consistency

which is one if not the best thing to have. She may have had a few struggles at the lower heights, but all her attempts throughout the night progressed well. After clearing 4-8 all three attempts at 4-10 were great. Two of them even had good clearance over the bar with some room to spare, but a few adjustments on her form and she will get it. As I have said before, Coach (Joe) Patrone has done a tremendous job with the high jump crew and I cant thank him enough."

The other first places were earned by Hannah LaVita in the high jump (4-10), Amie Russell in the shot put (32-5), Garrity in the 600 (1:43.22) and Luna in the 300 (41.85).

Miller-Nuzzo also took a second in the 1,000 at 3:42.03, and was tied for third in the high jump clearing 4-6 Rounding out the scoring with third places included Samantha Burke in the mile (6:22.55), Maggie Bourgeois in the 1,000 (3:47.62) and Gianna Misuraca in the two-mile (13:35).

Rams Girls Basketball team rolls past Lynn Tech

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

sports@yourtowncrier.com

After suffering a tough 50-38 loss to Mystic Valley last Tuesday night at home, the Shawsheen Tech Girls basketball team bounced back in impressive fashion on Friday night, rolling to a 63-24 road win over CAC rival Lynn Tech to improve to 5-2 overall on the season.

It was the second time in the past three games in which the Lady Rams have blown out their opponent, following their 50-15 win over Essex Tech the previous Friday, once again allowing Shawsheen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss the opportunity to get all of her players into the game. Sueltenfuss knows that this will not be the case in every game, particularly with the CAC Large schedule getting underway this week, so she was happy to take advantage of the opportunity in this contest.

"We played basically four minute shifts in this game with everyone getting equal playing time," Sueltenfuss said. "It was a nice easy relaxing win that got everyone some minutes and we were able to prepare for our upcoming stretch of really tough games."

Despite the well balanced distribution of minutes throughout the lineup, one thing remained consistent for the Lady Rams, with senior Alex DiPerri leading the way for the team with 15 points and six rebounds.

Shawsheen senior Kaitlyn Conway also contributed to the victory for the Lady Rams, pouring in eight points while seeing her first extended action of the season.

"Kait has been with the program for four years and she has not gotten as many minutes as I know she would like," Sueltenfuss said. "But it is nice to see her gain her confidence in games like this so that hopefully I can

use her in some of the bigger situations in the upcoming weeks."

Shawsheen also once again received outstanding efforts from a pair of freshman, with both Shelby Boudreau and point guard Susanna Gillis continuing their impressive first varsity seasons.

"We really are starting to see great things from Shelby and Susanna. Susanna knew coming in that she had some big shoes in front of her that to get playing time she was going to have to work really hard and she has," Sueltenfuss said. "She has become a starter and it is great to see her take on some of the tough situations."

"Shelby is starting to realize what the varsity competition is like and also what we need from her. Her role in travel was different and so it has taken a little bit of time to push her to shoot when she is open rather than pass the ball but slowly she has started to show great promise and I think will be a factor down the road."

As great as the win over Lynn Tech was, the loss to Mystic Valley was equally discouraging.

But Sueltenfuss is hoping her team can put the loss behind them as they move into the heart of their CAC schedule.

"We are in the same boat as last year where we are playing teams down the first time around which I had hoped to avoid," Sueltenfuss said. "We beat ourselves in the first quarter of this game going down 17-3 very quickly. Unlike Greater Lowell we were breaking their press but refusing to take shots. I had to call a time out to remind the girls that we could not win if the ball did not go through the hoop and we made some great changes but unfortunately it was too late."

"We played great defense holding their star player to under ten points so we will

continue to work and hopefully be a different team in February when we see them again."

The Lady Rams picked up another win on Tuesday night, downing Notre Dame by a score of 50-46 to improve to 6-2 on the season.

The Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball Team and Orientation Leaders are hosting its 2nd Annual Special Olympics Basketball Tournament this Sunday, January 21st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is a free event. The Special Olympian athletes very much appreciate fan support, so please consider attending a game or two! You will be home in plenty of time to cheer on the New England Patriots!

BOYS HOOP

The Shawsheen Boys Basketball team enjoyed a great victory of their own over Lynn Tech on Friday night, downing the Tigers by a score of 64-61 in a game played at Shawsheen.

The victory was just what the Rams needed after suffering a tough five point (66-61) loss last Tuesday night at Mystic Valley. The Rams are now 3-5 on the season.

On Friday the Rams were led by junior guard Zach Mickle who had 19 points including 3 three pointers and clutch free throws at the end of the game. Senior Sam Baker scored 13 points and had six rebounds while senior captain Brandon Bicknell had seven points off the bench. The Rams led by three at halftime, 31-28 and despite a strong fourth quarter comeback from the Tigers, the Rams were able to hold them off for the win.

"Our team is starting to shoot the ball a lot better and you can tell that their efforts in practice are starting to pay off" said head Coach Greg Bendel. "I am really pleased with their improvement thus far. Our guys are really working

hard."

BOYS HOCKEY

It was a successful week for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team, who went 2-1 on the week, with two CAC wins sandwiching a non-league loss as the Rams improved to 6-4 on the season, while the remained unbeaten (4-0) in the CAC.

The Rams started their week last Thursday with a 5-2 win over Minuteman at the Hallenborg Pavilion before dropping a hard fought 4-2 decision to Methuen on Sunday afternoon at the Methuen High School Rink. They wrapped up their week in impressive fashion with a 7-2 thrashing of CAC rival Northeast on Sunday at the Hallenborg.

"It was a good week," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "We have to grab all the league wins we can, considering the non-league schedule we have. I just wish we put together three periods against Methuen. It may have been a different outcome."

In each of their league victories, the Rams pulled away from their opponents after being locked in tight contests for much of the game. In the win over Minuteman, Shawsheen found themselves in a 1-1 tie at the end of the first period, and were still deadlocked at 2-2 in the second period before taking control over the rest of the middle frame to put the game away.

Senior forward Matt Irwin had a hat trick for the Rams in the win, scoring the first goal of the game and then scoring consecutive goals in the second period to give Shawsheen a 4-2 lead, while Jack Duggan also added a second period tally to give the Rams a 5-2 lead at the end of two periods. Fellow senior forward Andrew Tsoukalis also added a goal for Shawsheen.

Against Northeast on Monday, the Rams led 1-0 at

the end of the first period, before Northeast tied the score early in the second period at 1-1, but the Rams scored the next three goals to lead 4-1 at the end of two periods and extended their lead to 6-1 before Minuteman was able to get back on the board.

Baker has been happy with the way his team has been playing late in games, but he would prefer that they take control a little earlier.

"We have been playing well in the third period all season pretty much," Baker said. "Northeast was our first complete game yet. In general, I feel we need play better in the early stages of games and avoid being down early or maybe tied like the Minuteman game. We are still a work in progress but have a ton of potential as we hit the second half of the season."

During their win over Northeast, sophomore defensemen Nick Farrell of Wilmington and DJ Williams of Tewksbury each scored their first varsity goal, a nice reward for the hard work they have been putting in this season.

"They have both been doing a great job. It was great to see them bury their firsts," Baker said. "They both are playing big roles this season on defense."

While their 6-4 record at the midway point of the season may not be as impressive as some Shawsheen teams of the past, this Rams team has faced a very challenging non-league schedule this season, and Baker has been please what he has seen from the team to this point.

"I am happy," Baker said. "I wish we had a couple of the losses back, but we are getting better as a team each time we step on the ice."

WRESTLING

The Shawsheen Wrestling team had another impres-

sive week, going 4-0 after dominating in a dual meet over Lawrence last Wednesday and then sweeping a quad meet against Greater Lawrence, Reading and Wakefield at Wakefield High School on Saturday.

The Rams dominated their competition on Saturday as well, beating Greater Lawrence 60-15, Reading 61-12 and Wakefield 45-21 on their way to improving to 17-2 overall and 4-0 in the CAC on the season.

"I thought we wrestled very well, starting with our first match of the day against Greater Lawrence," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "I told the kids that we wanted to start off well against them. It was a league match, so we wanted to bring our intensity right from the start. If you lose that first match, it can be a tough climb back."

As it turned out, there was no need for the Rams to climb back in any of their matches. Picking up three wins each for the Rams were freshmen Frank Foti and Austin Dube at 106 and 113 pounds, respectively, along with Andrew Lopez (120), Nick Lavino (126), Brian Caldwell (132) and Christian Hoar (182).

"I did not really expect us to dominate like that, but we are wrestling very well," Donovan said. "We are peaking at the right time, I just hope it is not too early."

Shawsheen also looked to be in great form last Wednesday when they rolled to 54-18 win over Lawrence.

Frank Foti (106, pin), Austin Dube (113, 10-5 dec.), Andrew Lopez (120, pin), Nick Lavino (126, pin), Brian Caldwell (132, pin), Vincent Foti (138, 14-3 dec.), Stephen St. Juste (145, pin), Tom Strow (152, 5-1 dec.), Cody Sughrue (160, pin), Christian Hoar (182, 12-2 dec.) and Omar Eldaly (285, 12-3 dec.) were all winners for Shawsheen.

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